THIRD REICH BELT BUCKLES

An Illustrated Handbook and Price Guide

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DEDICATION

I dedicate this book to my loving wife without whose help this book could not have been completed, and to the millions of people who died in Europe because of the insanity of one man, Adolf Hitler.

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INTRODUCTION

In 1987 I went to a local Militaria show in San Mateo. I have always had an interest in German World War II items but I never thought I would ever become a collector of Nazi items. As I was walking pass the display table, there it was, a beautifully detailed blue Kriegsmarine (Navy) buckle. I accepted from the dealer as a gospel truth that this buckle was an original and I paid $100 for it although the eagle looked a little bit like a chicken! Now after eleven years of collecting and a few more mistakes I decided to write this book to help collectors and dealers identify original buckles from copies. I was fooled because I did not take the time to read and study before I bought. I urge any serious collector to purchase for their library the outstanding books contained in the bibliography section of this book. These books will save you time, money and embarrassment. I have listed below important information about this book:

1. Prices
Prices quoted in this book have been taken from recent sales (1997-April 1998) through auction houses, collectors and dealers. I have included the commission charges on top of the sales prices. What is Nazi Buckle worth? Answer: What a collector will pay for it. Prices quoted are minimum for the buckle photographed.

2. Condition
All of the buckles contained in this book are considered to be II+ excellent grade or above. Some of the buckles were restored to resemble as close as possible their original color and detailing.

3. Types
Only those buckles having the Swastika (except for one buckle) are featured in this book. Please note that other types of buckles existed during the Nazi Period that did not have the Swastika.

4. Measurements
All measurements are approximate using the bendable plastic Schaedler Precision Ruler.

5. Dates
You will note that most buckles in this book will have a year after them. This year indicates the first year of manufacture and not necessarily when the buckle was actually produced. Example: Buckle may show a 1940 date but could have been produced in 1941.

6. Author's Request
If you possess any of the buckles in this section please contact me.

I look forward to hearing from other collectors with their comments and suggestions for a future edition of this book. You may contact me at the numbers below:

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BELT BUCKLE RZM M4 LICENSE CODE LISTINGS

The following information has been taken directly from Mr. Clyde R. Davis's two books "Handbook of RZM Codes, Vol. I: Metal, 1975" and from his "Addendum, 1977." Those Buckles that are Hallmarked with the M-4 numbers will enable you to know by whom it was manufactured and where it was made.

GRUPPE M4 – KOPPELSCHLOSS – HERSTELLER

RZM M4

1. Ferdinand Hoffstatter, Bonn a. Rh..
2. M. Winter, Munchen
3. Kallenbach, Meyer & Franke, Luckenwalde
4. Gustav Emil Ficker, Beierfeld
5. Leistner & Co., Leipzig
6. C. u. W. Meinel-Scholer, Klingenthal
7. Hermann Sprenger, Iserlohn
8. Rodolf Wachtler, & Lange, Mittweida
9. Albert Winges, Trusen
10. Bernhard Haarmann, Ludenscheid
11. August Enders AG., Oberrahmede
12. Mathias Kutsch, Attendorn
13. Paul Schumacher, Ludenscheid
14. Otto Fechler, Bernsbach
15. Paul Meybauer, Berlin
16. Robert Tummler, Dobeln
17. Ernst Meissner, Hohenlimburg
18. Julius Bauer Sohne, Zella-Mehlis
19. Ernst Schneider, Ludenscheid
20. Hillenbrand & Broer, Ludenscheid
21. Hans Schonfelder, Mittweida
22. C. Th. Dicke, Ludenscheid
23. Dr. Franke & Co. KG., Ludenscheid
24. Friedrich Linden, Ludenscheid
25. Noelle & Hueck KG., Ludenscheid
26. Ossenberg-Engels, Iserlohn
27. Overhoff & Cie., Ludenscheid
28. Paulmann & Crone, Ludenscheid
29. K. Fr. Brahm, Furth
30 Berg & Nolte AG., Ludenscheid
31. Max Haufe, Grossrohrsdorf
32. Gebr. Hahne, Ludenscheid
33. J. D. von Hagen G.m.b.H., Iserlohn

34. Nordwall, Dransfeld & Co., Menden
35. Moeller & Schroeder, Offenbach a. Main
36. v. Hofe & Co. Gm.b.H., Ludenscheid
37. Stefan Merkl, Nurnberg
38 Richard Sieper & Sohne, Ludenscheid
39. F. W. Assmann & Sohne, Ludenscheid
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41. Schmahl & Schulz, Wuppertal-Barmen
42. Hermann Aurich, Dresden
43. H. A. Erbe, Schamlkalden
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47. Elberg & Co., Ludenscheid
48. P. C. Turck Wwe., Ludenscheid
49. Steinhauer & Luck, Ludenscheid
50. Willy Thuy, Ludenscheid
51. Horner & Dittermann, Wuppertal-Barmen
52, Linden & Funke G.m.b.H., Iserlohn
53. Zieh-, Press - und Stanzwerk G.m.b.H., Zwintschona b. Halle a. d. S.
54. Willy Annetsberger, Munchen
55. Julius Kremp, Ludenscheid
56. Friedrich Keller, Oberstein a. d. Nahe
57. Jul. Maurer G.m.b.H., Oberstein a. d. Nahe
58. Wilhelm Deus, Solingen
59. Ad. Baumeister, Ludenscheid
60. Gustav Brehmer, Markneukirchen
61. Jul. Dinnebier Nach., Ludenscheid
62. Heinrich Arld, Nurnberg
63. Werner Redo, Saarlautern
64. Otto Geiger, Ludenscheid
65. Georg Bonitz, Schwarzenberg
66. Stimming & Venzlaff, Altenburg
67. Emil Juttner, Ludenscheid
68. Norddeutsche Nickel - und Silberwaren G.m.b.H., Hamburg
69. Mayer & Wilhelm, Stuttgart
70. Kugel & Fink, Ludenscheid
71. Lehmann & Wundenberg, Hannover
72. Wilhelm Deumer, Ludenscheid
73. Lohmann & Welschehold, Meinerzhagen
74. Wilh. Geiger G.m.b.H., Ludenscheid
75. Walter Demmer, Ludenscheid

76. Petz & Koch, Unterreichenbach
77. Gebruder Gloerfeld, Ludenscheid
78. F. K. Vogelsang & Co., Ludenscheid
79. Hillenbrand & Broer, Ludenscheid
80. Lind & Meyrer, Oberstein a. d. Nahe
81. Inh. Frau Johanna Kaukal, Wien
82. List & Hertl, Wien
83. Josef Linzer and Company, Wein VI*
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86. Sohni, Heubach & Co., Oberstein
87. Matth. Salcher & Sohne AG., Wagstadt (Sudetenland)
88. Augustin Hieke, Tyssa b. Bodenbach (Sudetenland)
89. Reichelmann & Co., Tellnitz b. Aussig (Sudetenland)
90. Ad. Grohmann & Sohn, Wurbenthal (Ostsudetenland)
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116, Camill Bergmann & Co., Gablonz a. N. (Sudetenland)
117. W. Aurich, Leipe

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1. Heer (Army) Officer
   a. Matte Gold, Aluminum (Dull Gold)
   b.Bronze Colored Aluminum

2. Navy Kriegsmarine – 1 piece Gold Pebbled Stamped Aluminum

3. Luftwaffe – Officer Gold Aluminum Silver Eagle

4. Feldherrnhalle

5. NSKK – Enlisted Long Wing

6. NSFK – Enlisted with Winged Icarus

7. RLB - Officers Buckles
   a. Third Pattern, Silver wash
   b. 4th Pattern

8. DAF Officer Buckle

9. PENAL Officer
   a. Black

10. Postal Leader Buckle

11. All Diplomatic Buckles including the "Bat Wing" in gold

12. All Government Officials

13. RMBO
    a. Gold on Silver
    b. All Silver

14. Police Generals Gold Buckle

15. National Forestry Gold Officer Buckle

16. Food Leader Officer
    a. Black

17. TENO
    a. Enlisted
    b. Gold

18. SS Officer, gold finish

19. Bahn Polizei/Bahnschutz
    a. Enlisted Gold
    b. Leaders Gold

20. Red Cross
    a. Officers Gold
    b. Enlisted Type 1

Sales Sample Board, 8 1/2" x 6"
Samples shown on the left is the Air Force (Luftwaffe) Enlisted Buckle approximately 2.5" x 2" and on the right is the Army (Wehrmacht) Enlisted approximately 2.5" x 2". Both are made of aluminum.

Buckles were purchased from approved stores or traveling salesmen representing the various producers. Sales people would go to the base camps with the sample boards and military personnel would place orders which would then be delivered.

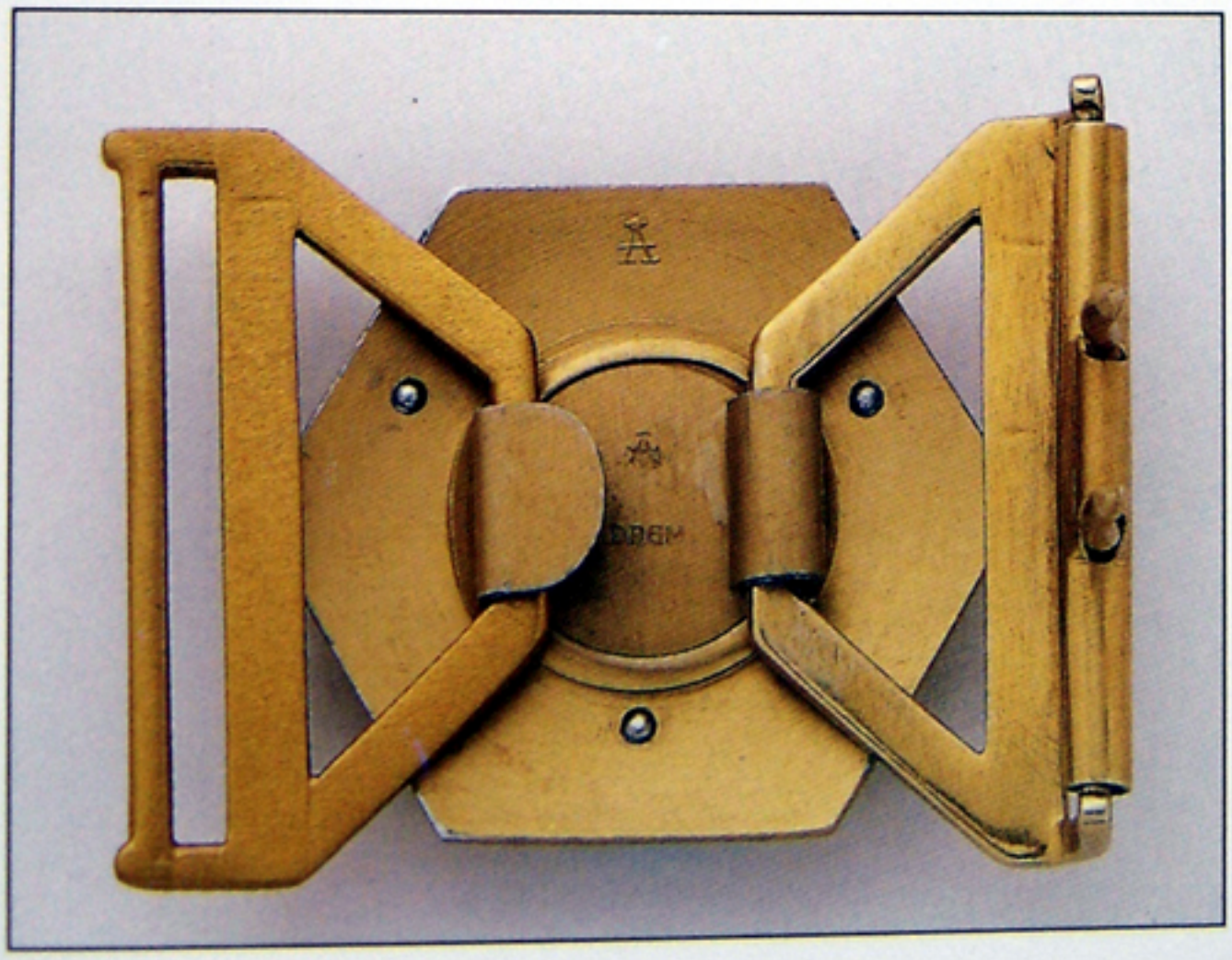
Price: $500.00
Finding a complete or restored salesman's sample board is very rare.

RMBO, 1942, 2 3/4" x 2 1/2"
Reichsministry for the Occupied Eastern Territories (Prototype)
This buckle being all gold indicates it to be for ranks of deputy generals, advisors and adjutants to the Reichsministry. All known buckles are made of aluminum and are hall-marked Assmann. There are two other known variations:

A. gold Eagle and oak leafs on silver background
B. all silver

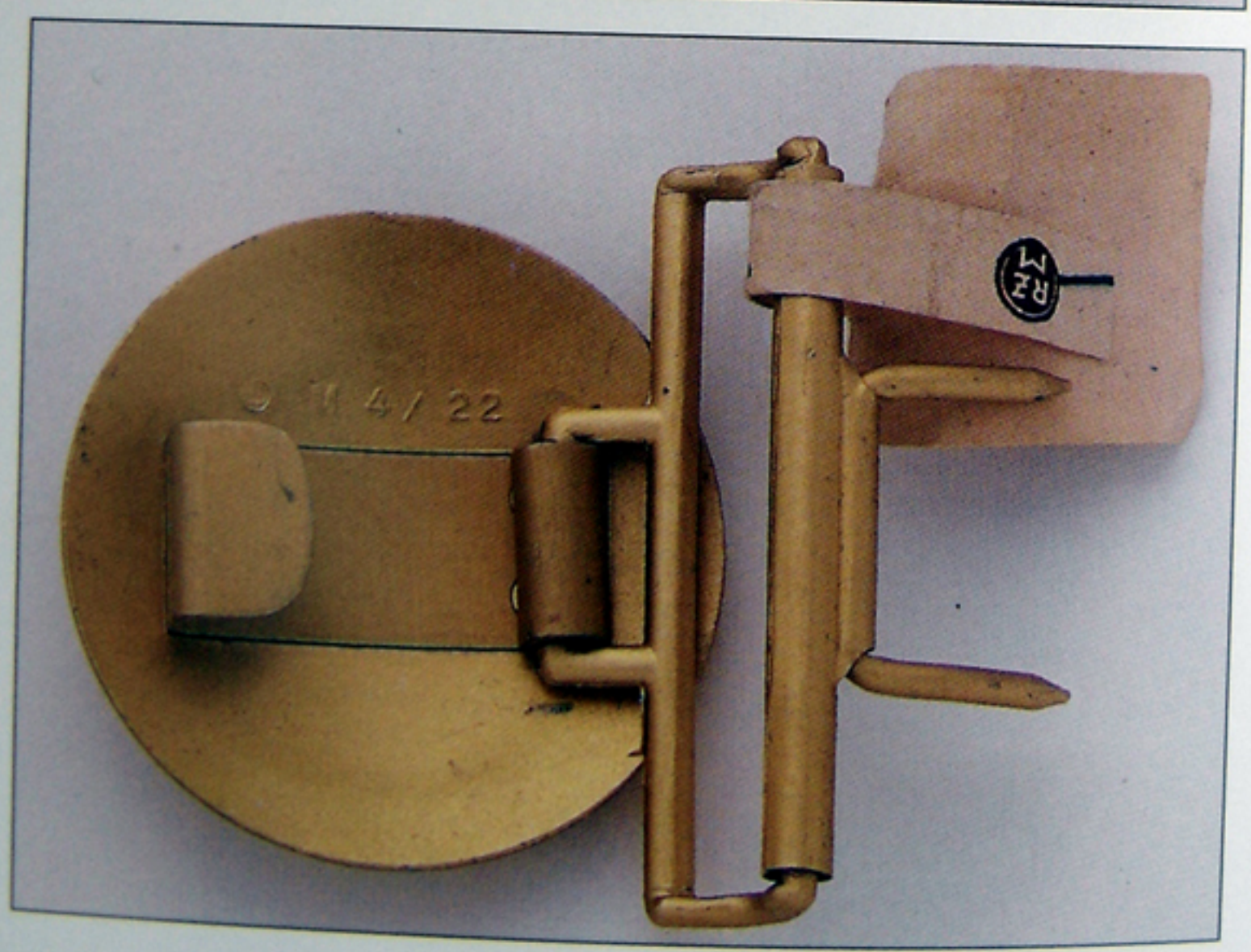
Please see Author's Request. Other books on Nazi Buckles show drawings of two different buckles for the RMBO taken from regulations but I know of no collector who has ever seen either of those buckles.

Price: $5,000.00
Extremely rare.



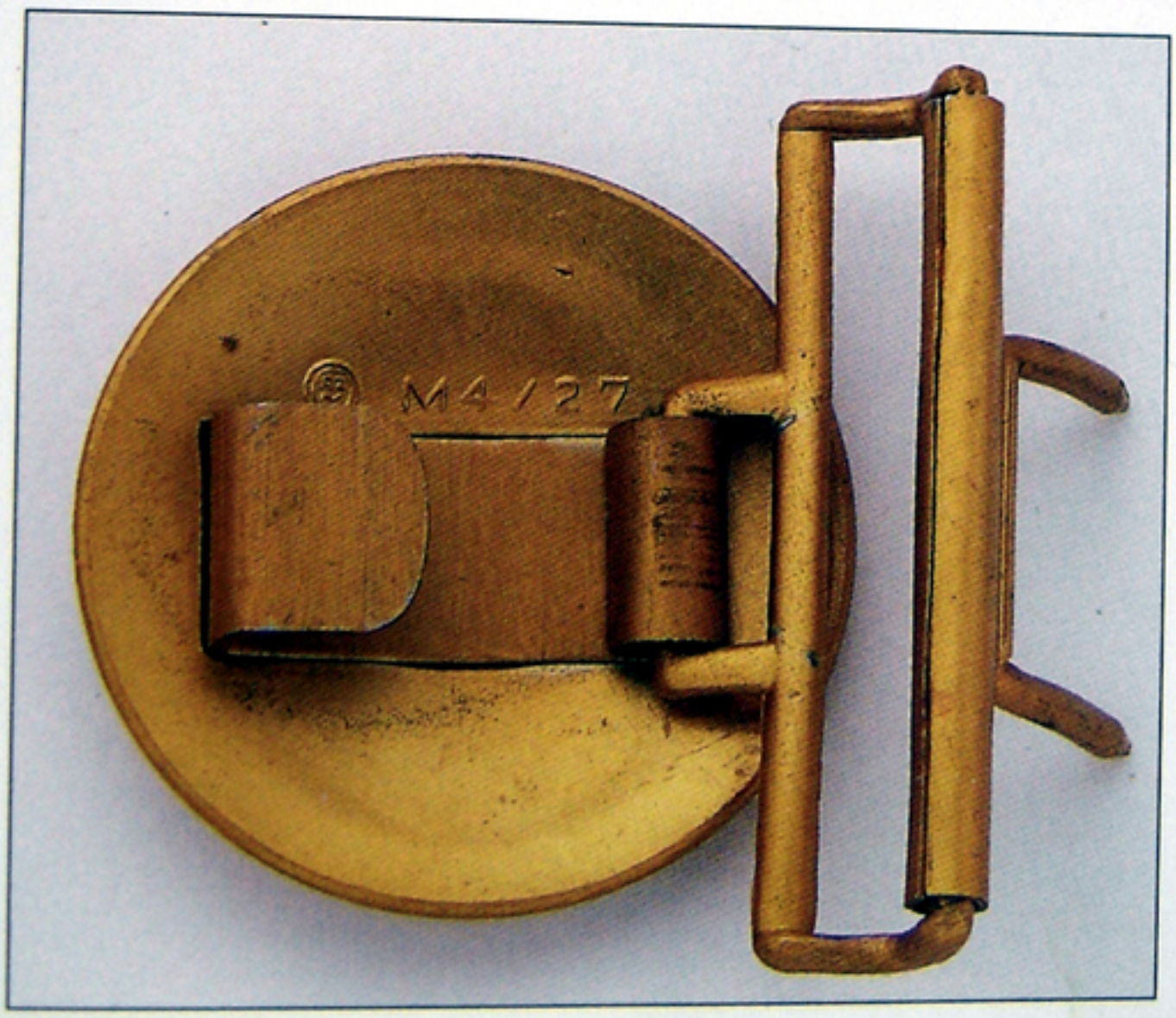
POLITICAL LEADER, 1940, 2 1/4" x 2 1/4"
Light gold wash aluminum buckle with original RZM tag attached meaning this buckle was never worn. National Eagle holding Swastika surrounded by oak leaf wreath on plain field center. Back of buckle marked M4/22.

Price: $150.00
Political leader buckles are common but unissued with tag is very rare.



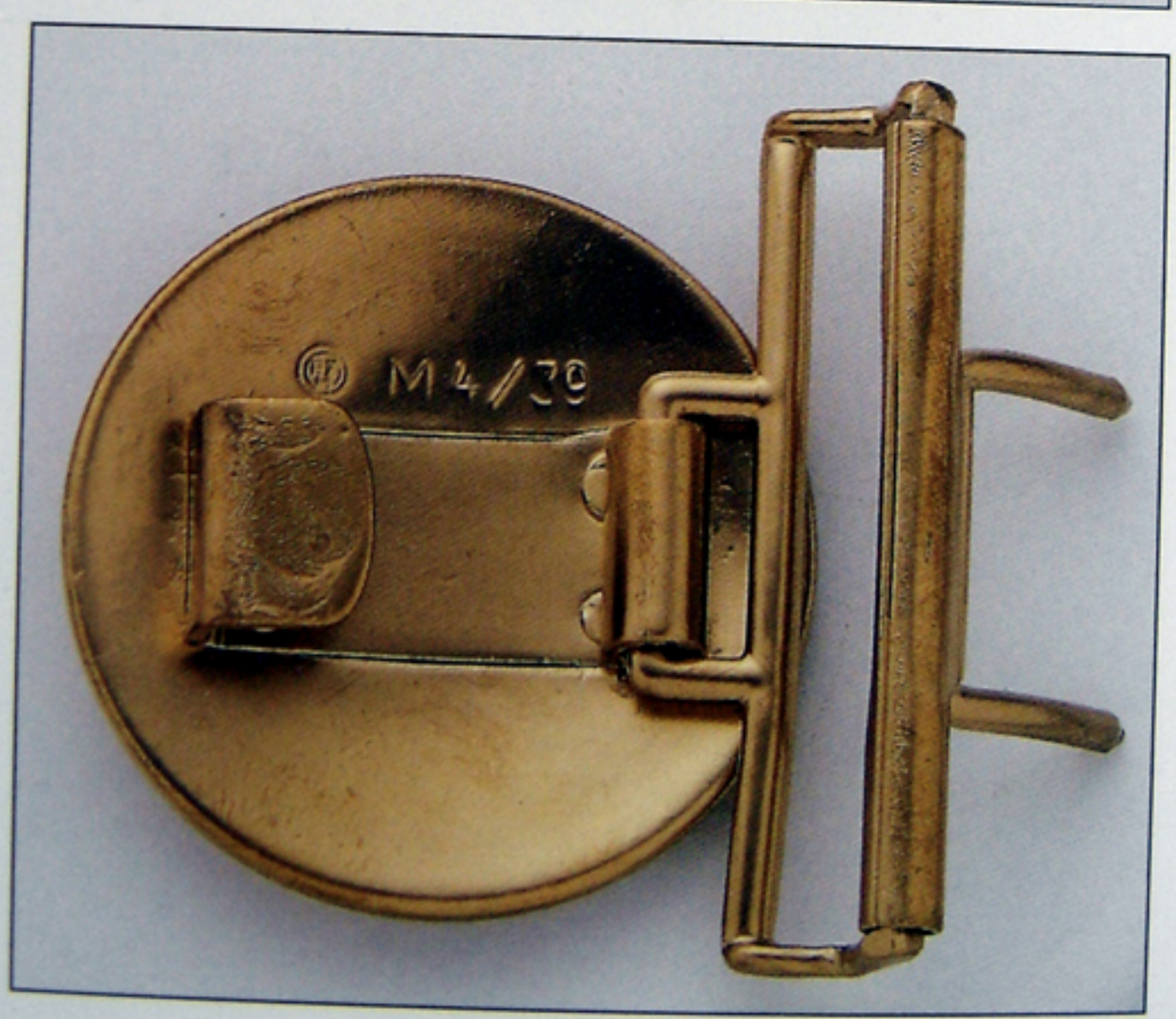
POLITICAL LEADER, 1940, 2 1/4" x 2 1/4"
Dark gold wash aluminum, RZM marked M4/27

Price: $75.00
Dark gold color is not as common as the light gold. The reason for color variation is not known. It may be due to producers' variation of color.



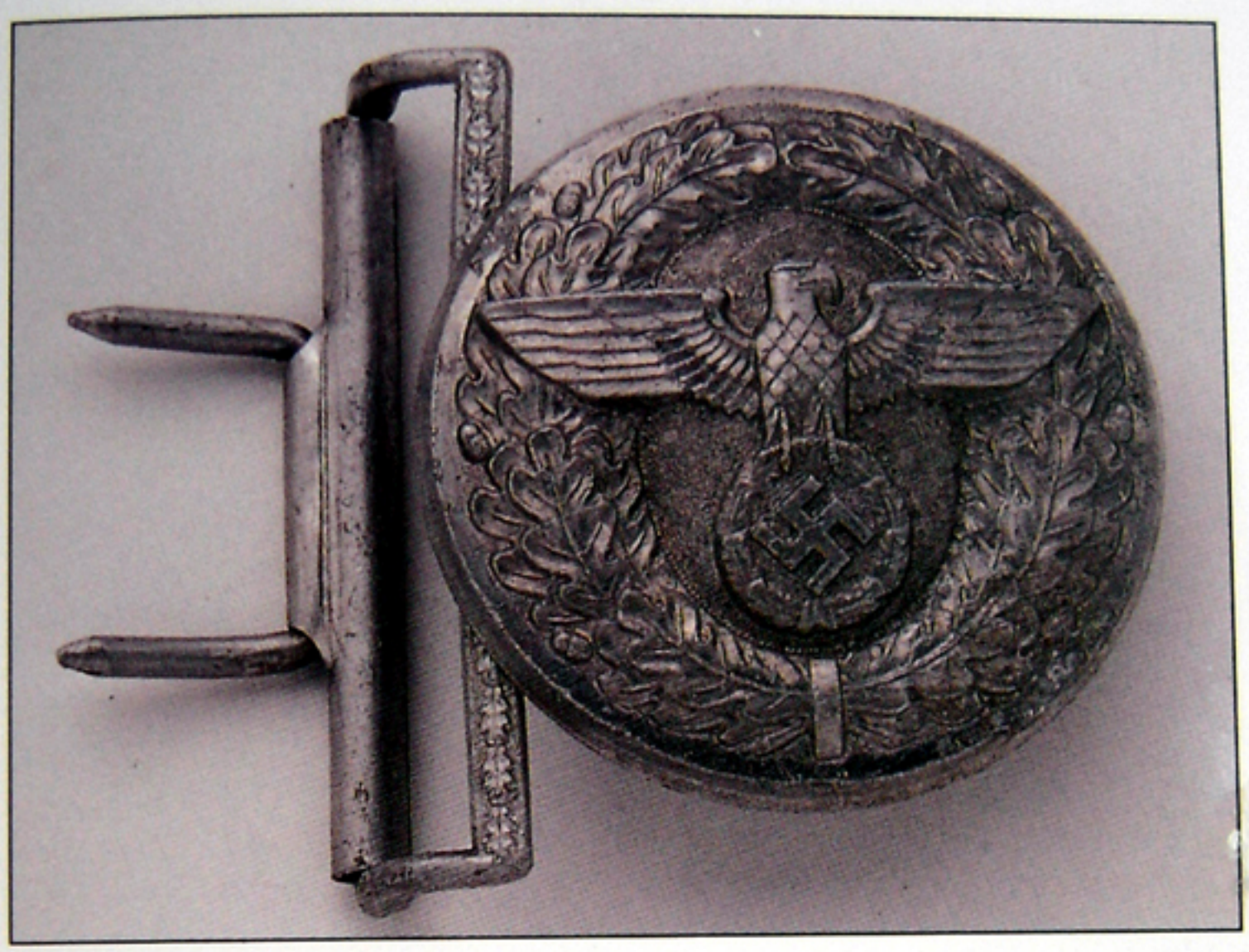
POLITICAL LEADER, 1940, 2 1/4" x 2 1/4"
Heavy metal, gilted gold, custom buckle for a high official. RZM marked M4/39

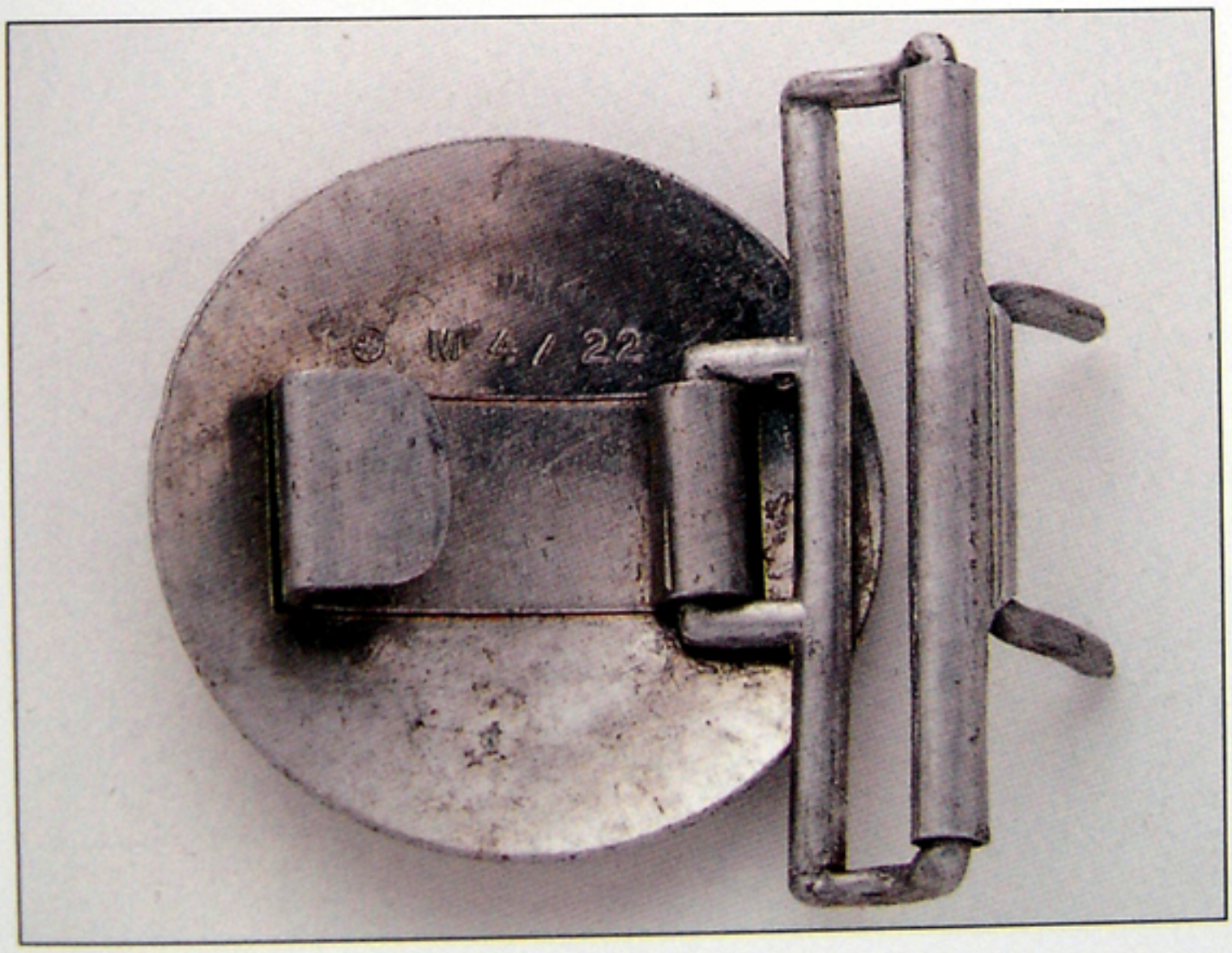
Price: $300.00
Most buckles are gold wash aluminum.



POLITICAL LEADER, 1940, 2 1/4" x 2 1/4"
Silver wash aluminum buckle, RZM marked M4/22

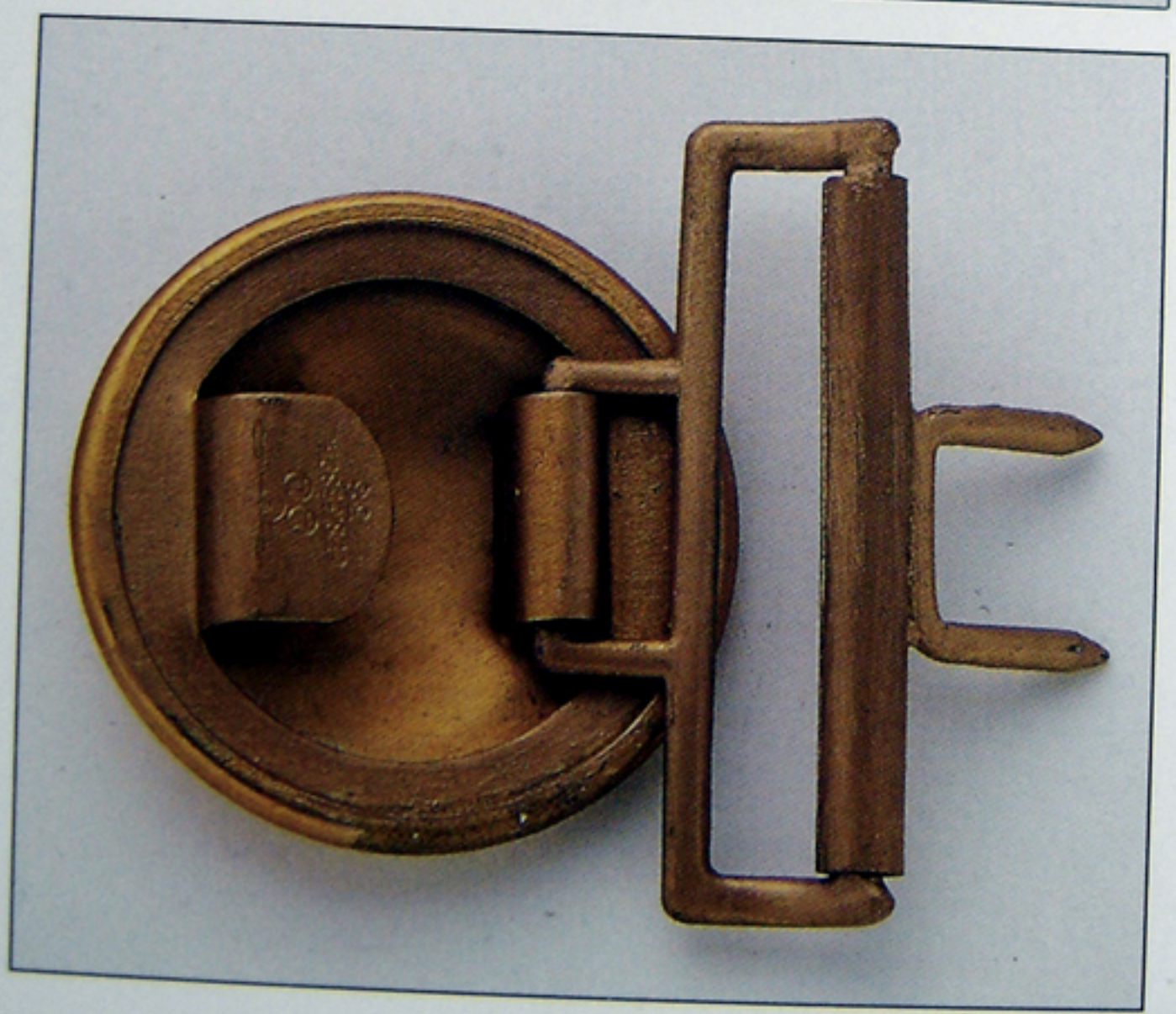
Price: $350.00
It is very rare to find a silver color buckle. It is unknown why this color was used for political leader buckles.





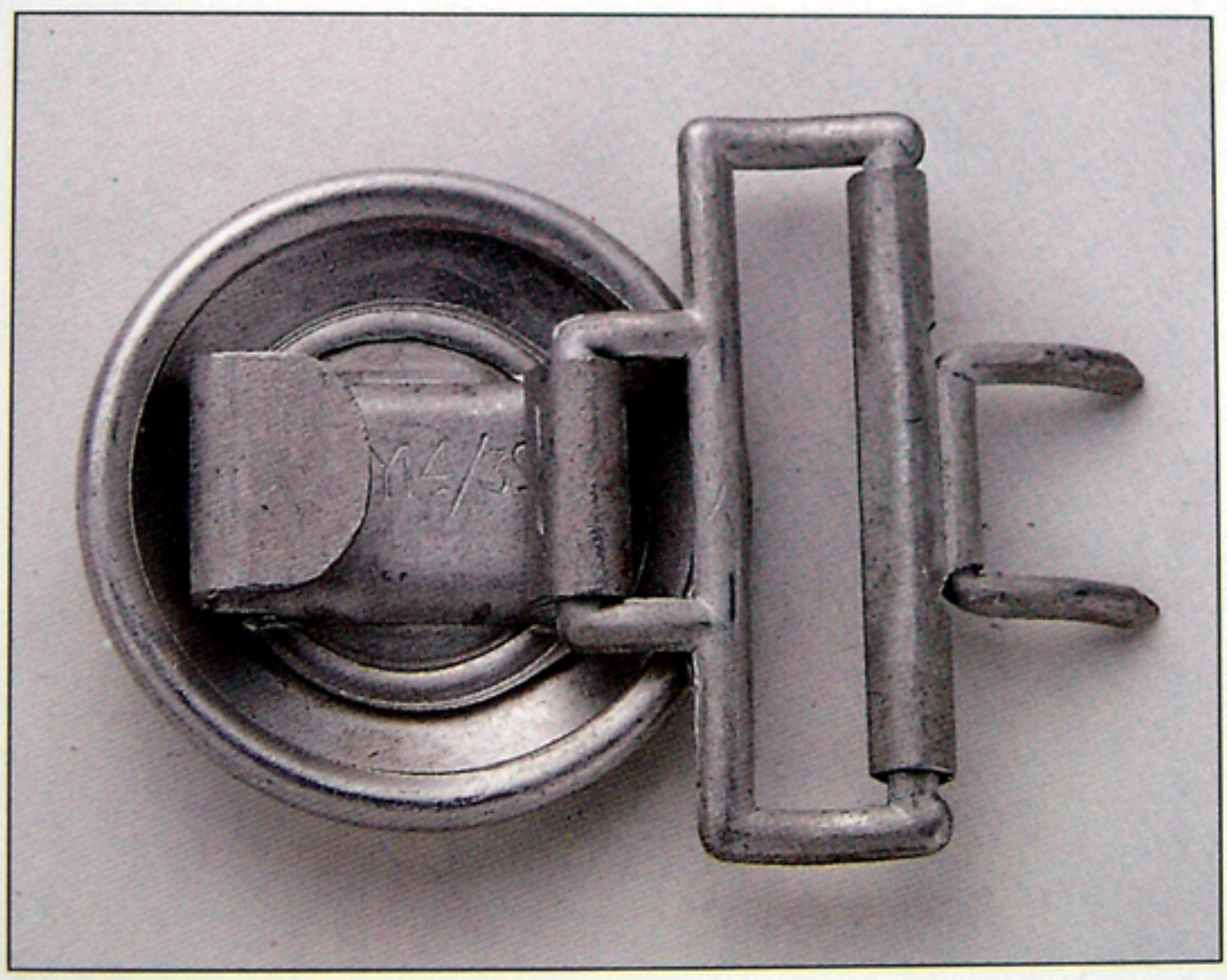
POLITICAL LEADER, 1940, 2" x 2"
Dark gold, ceremonial dress aluminum buckle. Hallmarked FLL GES. GESCH 38 (GES GESCH means protected by law.).

Price: $1,000.00
Rare buckle



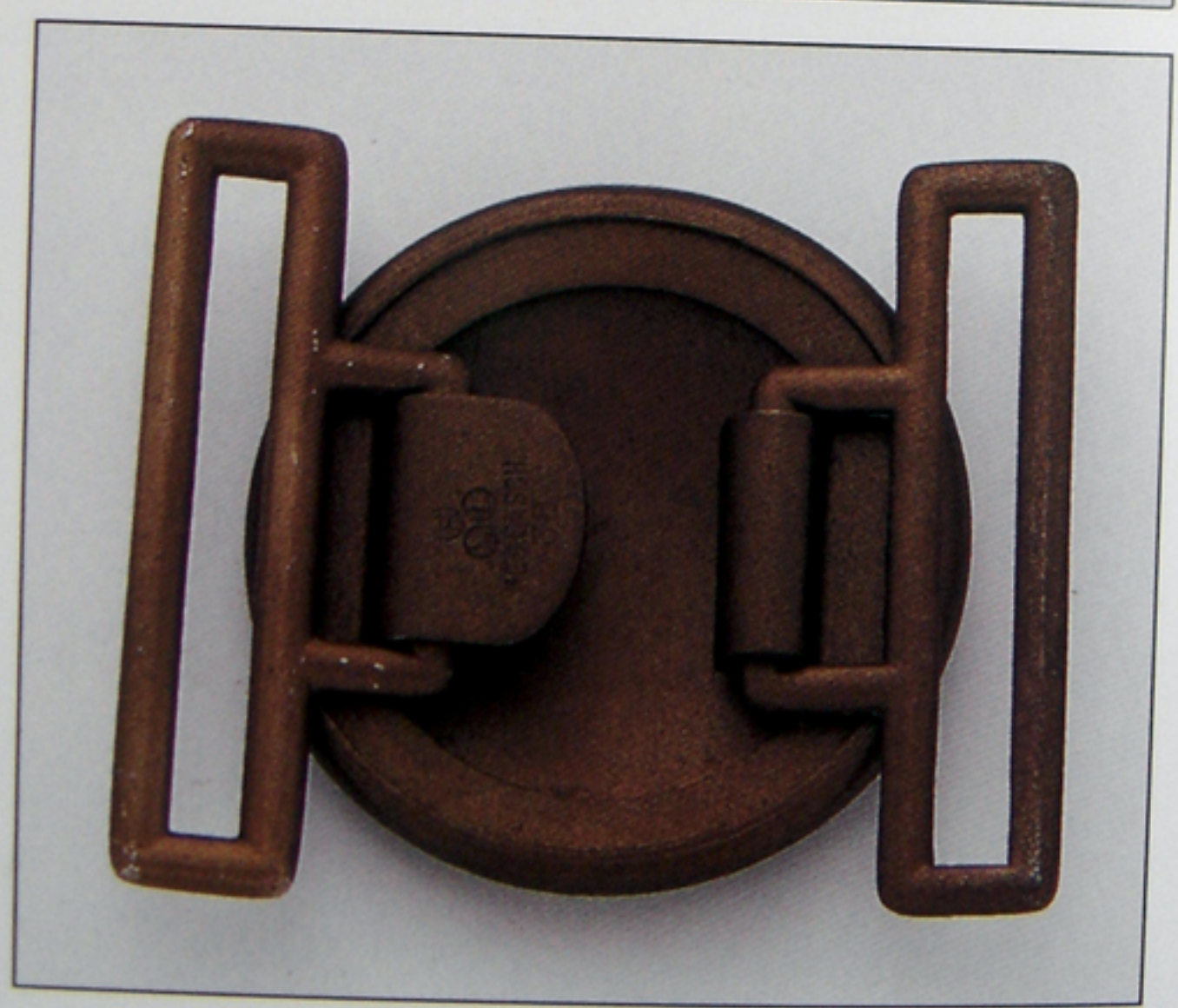
SA HIGH LEADER, 1940, 1 7/8" x 1 7/8"
Silver aluminum with Gothic Script. The motto says "Our Leader-Our Trust". On the Eagle's chest is the SA Runic Emblem. Hallmarked RZM M4/39.

Price: $2,000.00
Very rare, unknown why use of silver color.



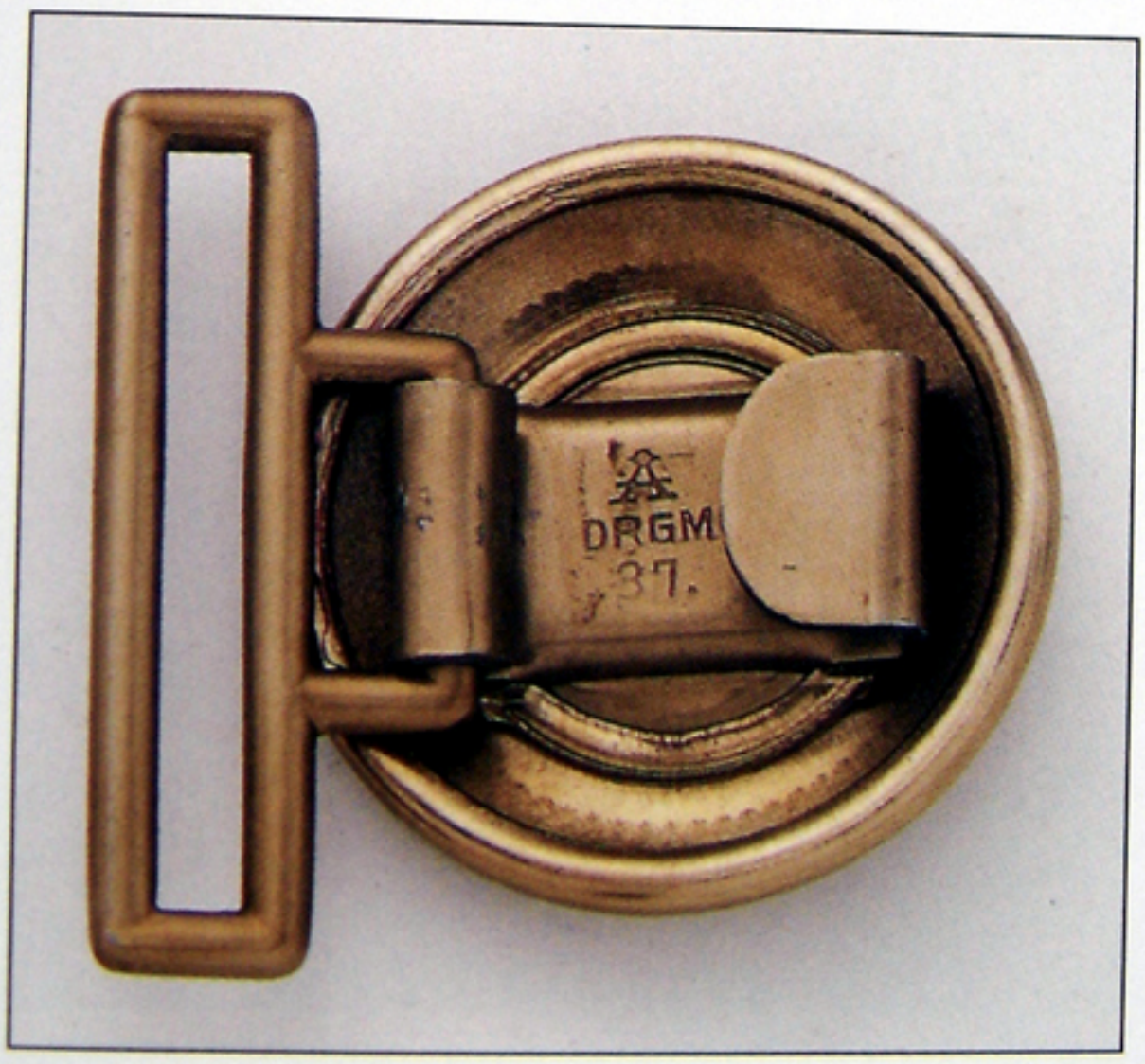
SA HIGH LEADER, 1940, 2" x 2"
Bronze aluminum with Gothic Script "Our Leader-Our Trust" with SA Runic on chest.
Hallmarked FLL GES GESCH 38.

Price: $2,000.00
Bronze colored like the silver is very rare with both keepers.



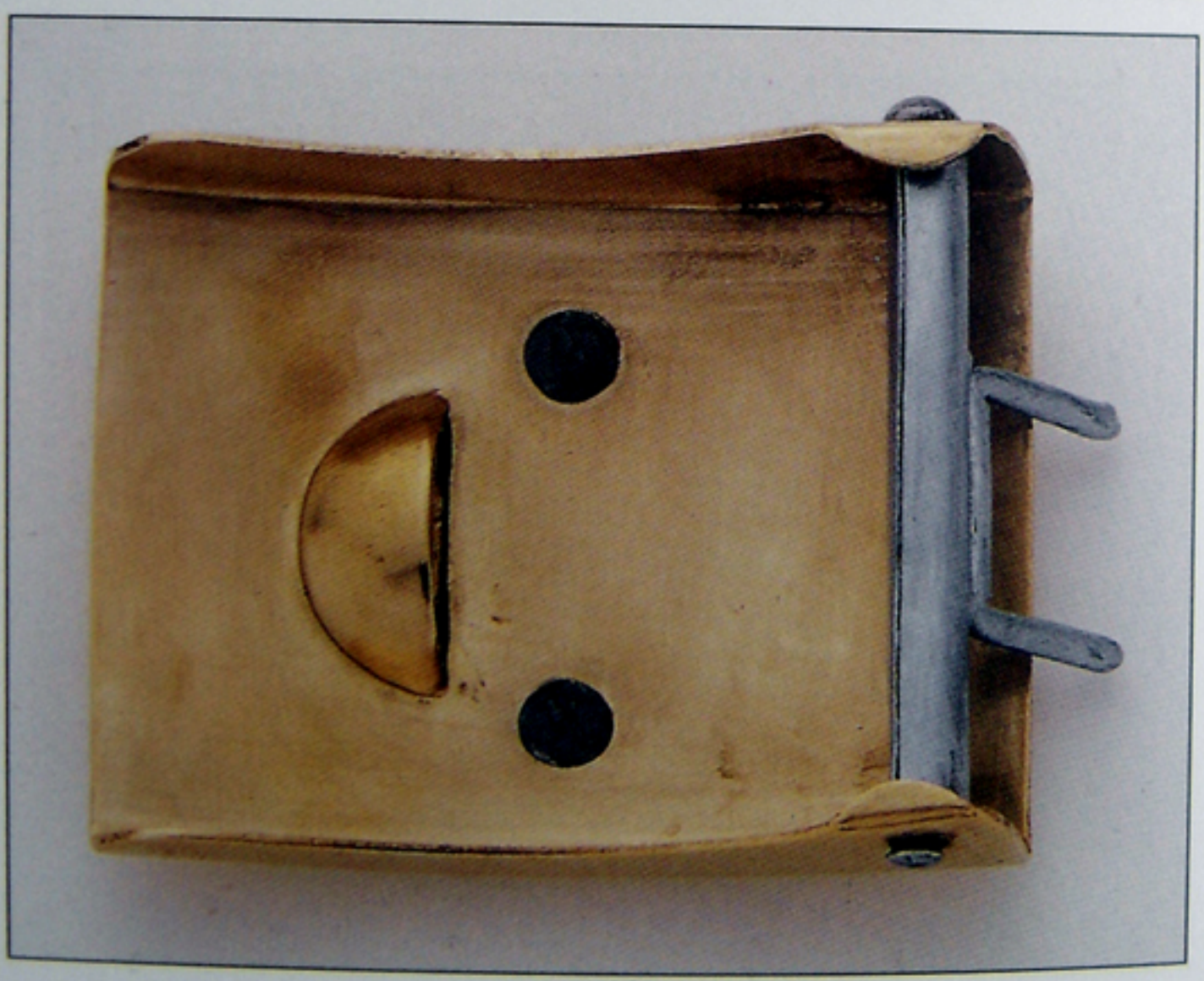
SA HIGH LEADER, 1940, 1 7/8" x 1 7/8"
Gold aluminum with Roman Script "Our leader-Our Trust" with SA Runic on chest. Hallmarked DRGM 37 (DRGM means patented).

Price: $3,000.00
Rarest buckle of the standard SA High Leader buckles.



SA BRASS BUCKLE, 1924/25 - 1936, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Solid brass buckle with mobile - runic Swastika on disk attached by two prongs and unmarked. This is believed to be the first pattern introduced for wear called the Type 1.

Price: $100.00

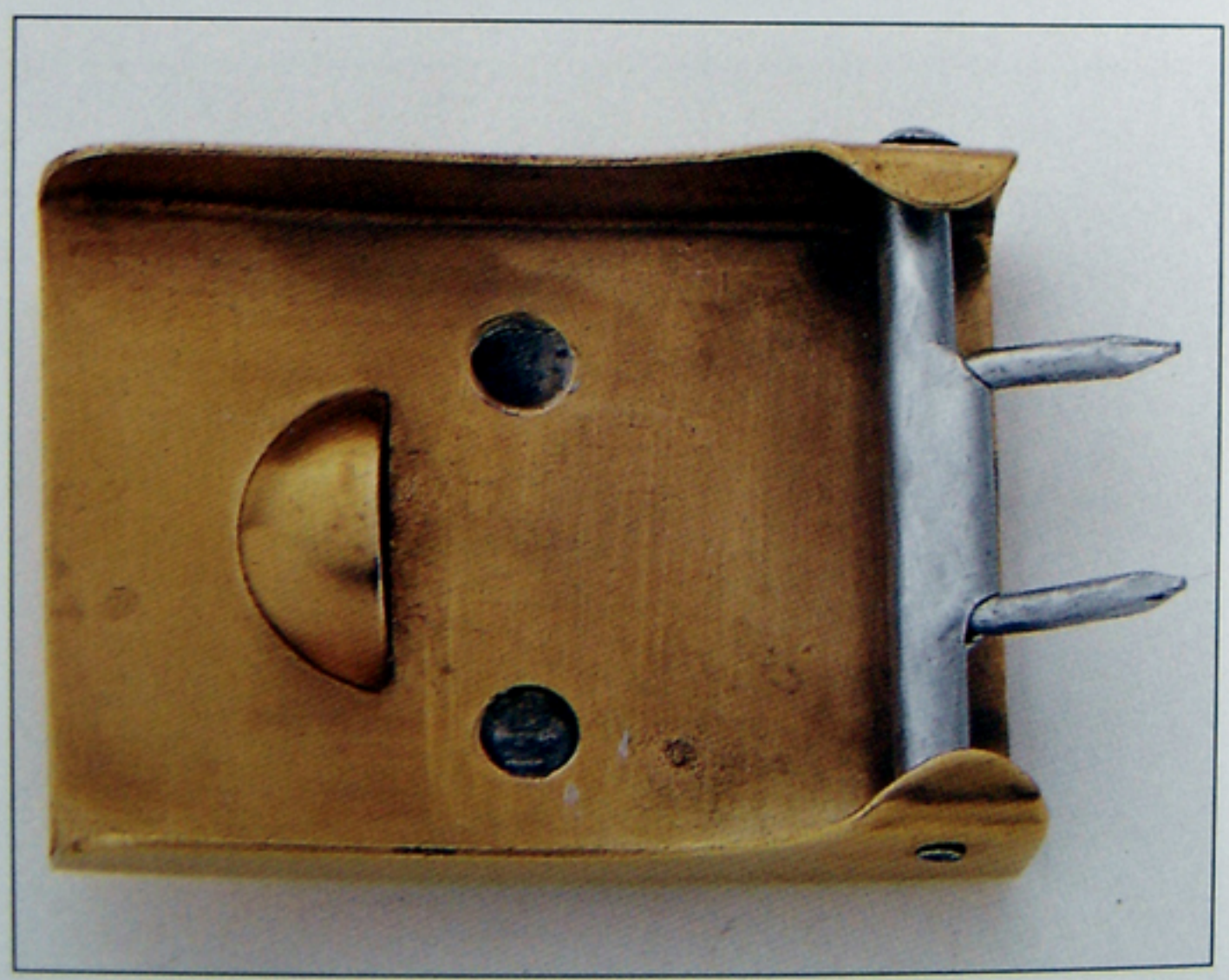


SA BUCKLE, TYPE 3, 1929-1936, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Solid brass buckle with brass disk attached by two prongs, unmarked. This style of Swastika is called rotated and Type 3.

Price: $50.00

SA BUCKLE, 1929-1936, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Solid brass buckle with silvered disk attached by two prongs, unmarked.

Price: $75.00

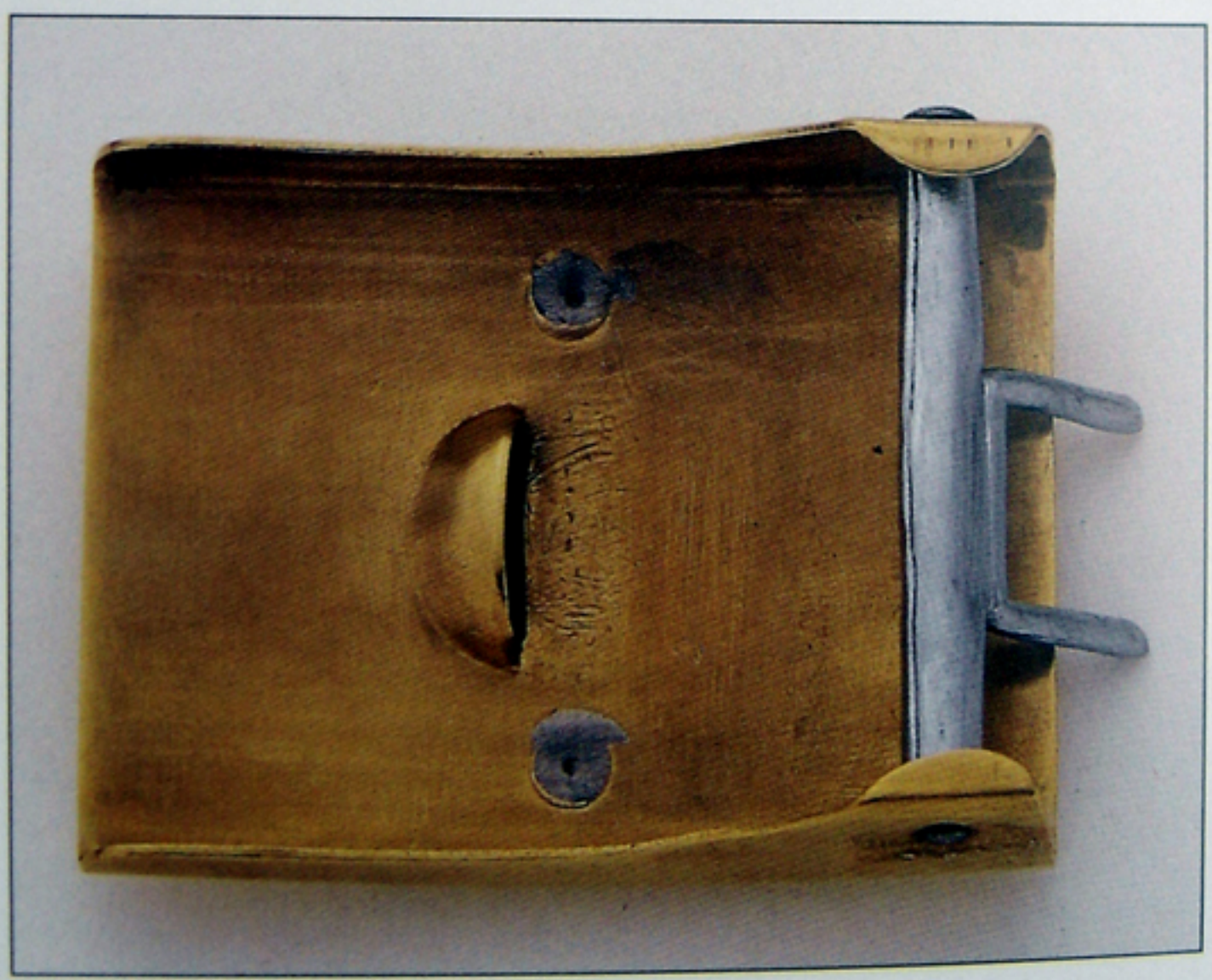


SA BUCKLE, 1929-1936, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Brass buckle with gilted silver face plate and finely detailed Swastika.

Price: $150.00

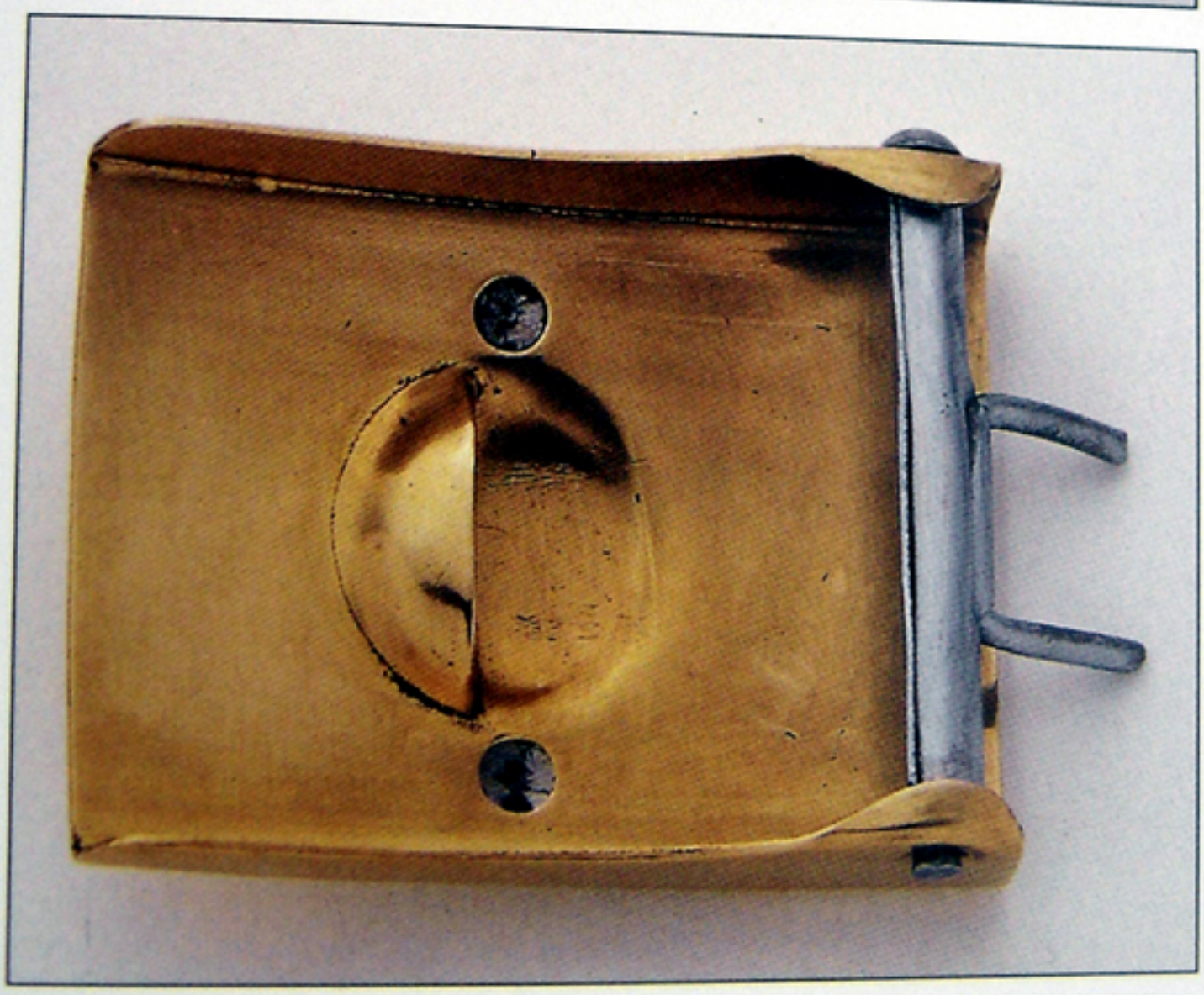
SA BUCKLE, 1929-1936, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Brass buckle with brass face plate attached by two prongs, unmarked. Note style and placement of Eagle.

Price: $75.00



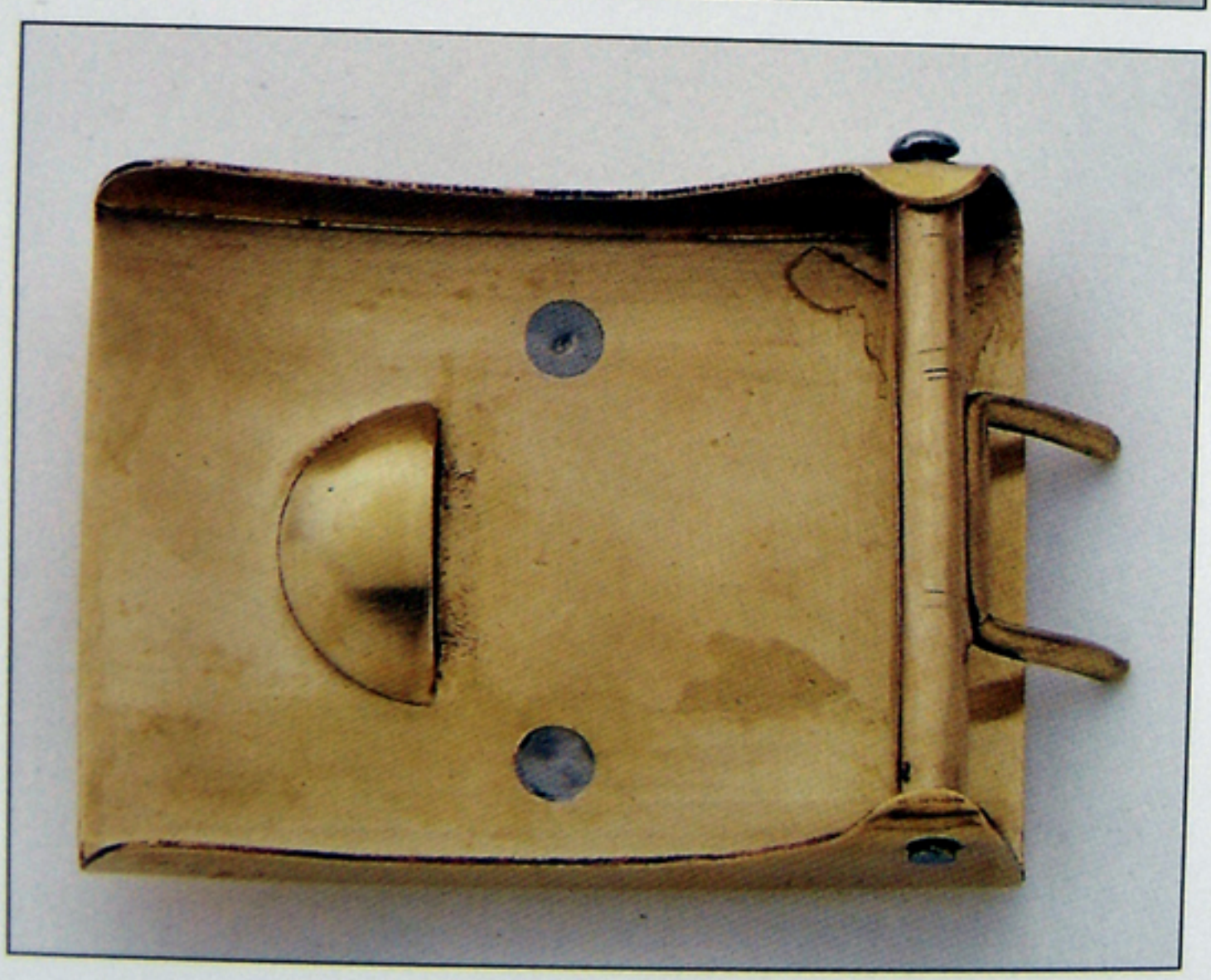
SA BUCKLE, 1929-1936, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Solid brass buckle with brass face plate. Note placement of the Eagle and its wings.

Price: $75.00



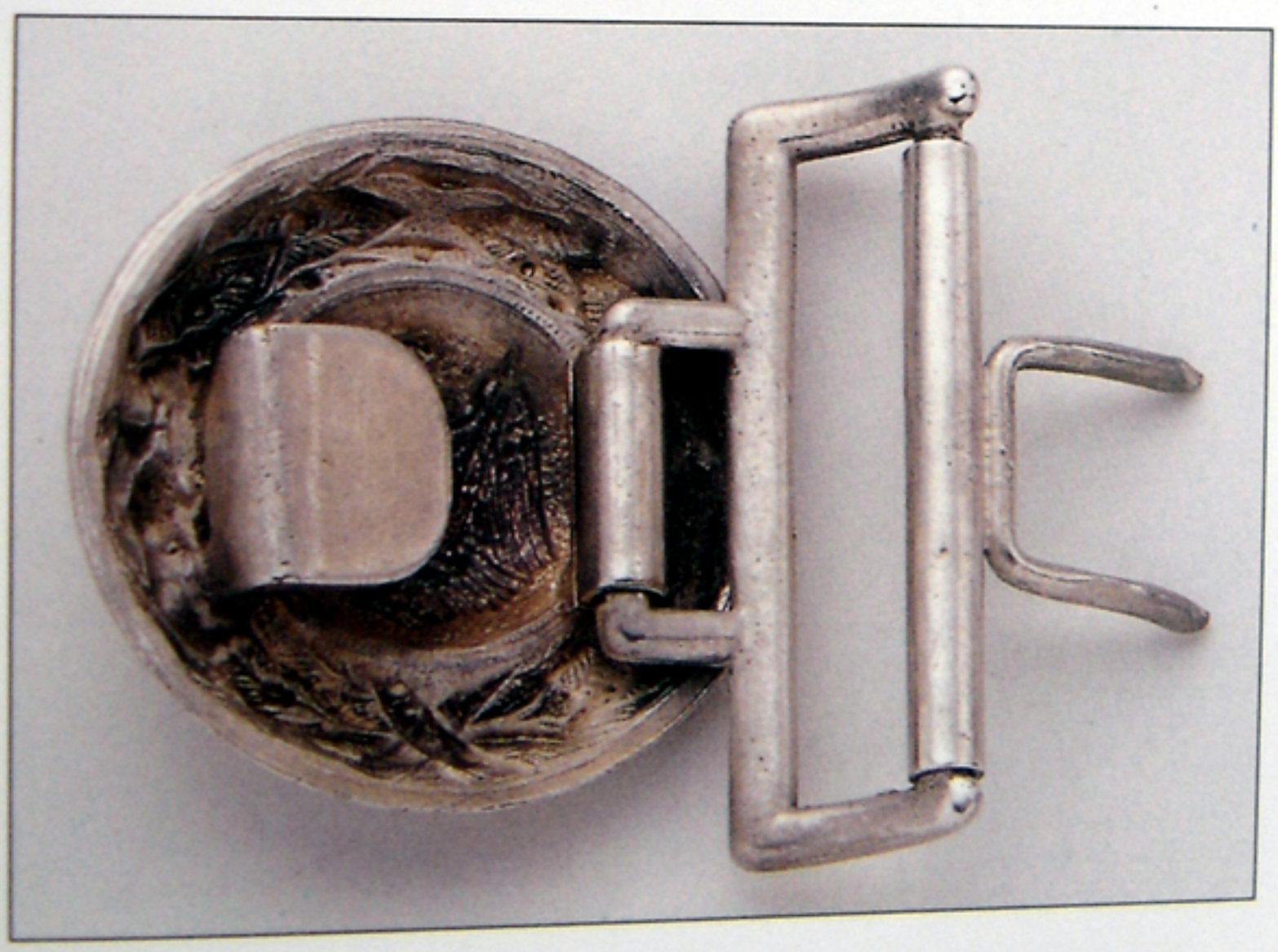
SA BUCKLE, 1929-1936, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Solid brass buckle with different style of Eagle.

Price: $75.00



JUSTICE OFFICIAL TYPE 1, 1933-1937, 1 7/8" x 1 7/8"
Silvered heavy metal buckle, not hallmarked but examples are seen hallmarked and not. Justice Official, Type 1 looks the same as the Prussian Forestry Buckle and Justice Type 2 was created to end the confusion.

Price: $300.00
Hallmarked buckles bring higher prices.

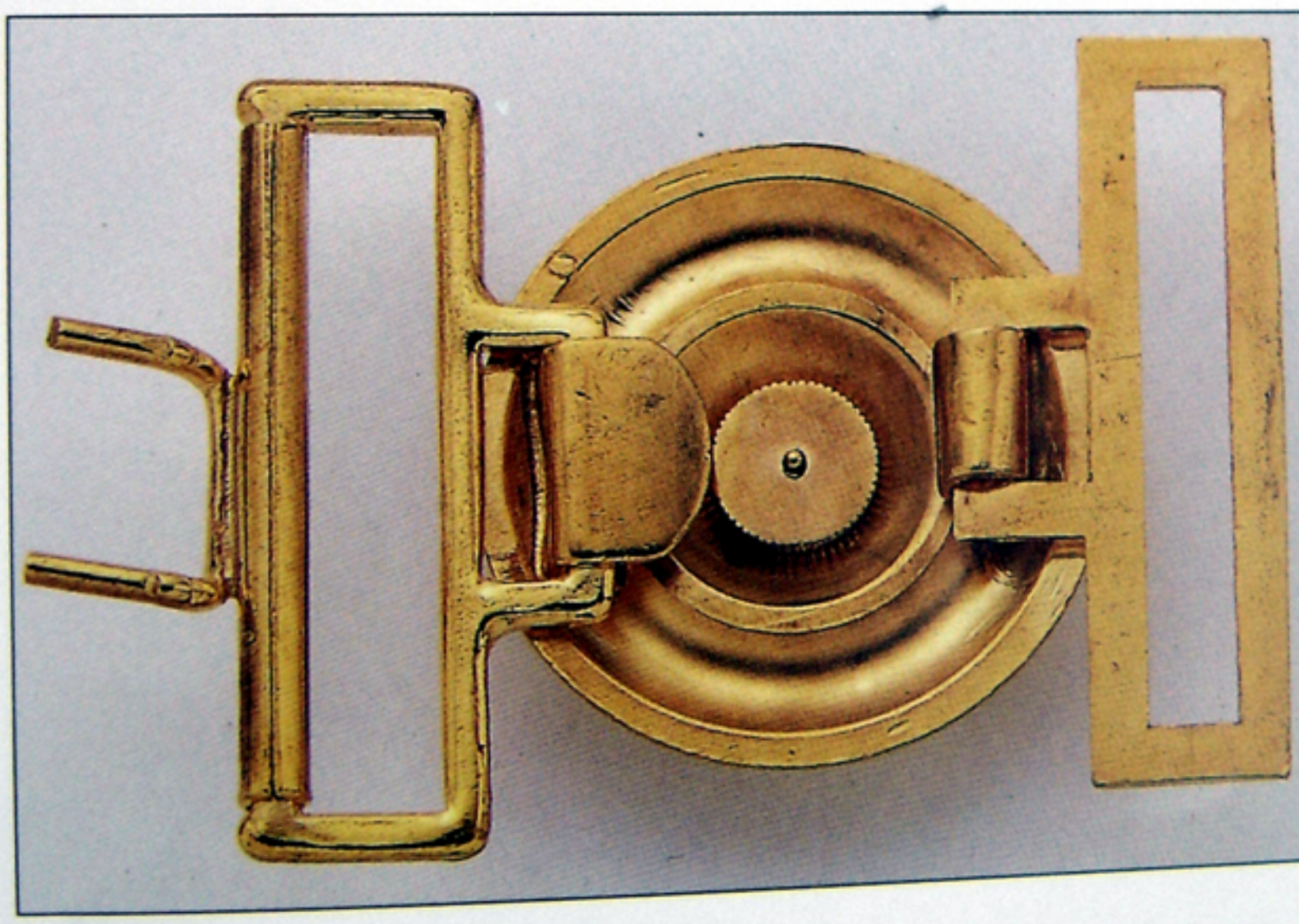


HIGH JUSTICE OFFICIAL TYPE 1, 1933-1937, 1 7/8" x 1 7/8"
Gold heavy metal buckle, not hallmarked but examples seen are both hallmarked and not.

Price: $350.00
Gold high official buckles harder to find; worth more when hallmarked.

HIGH JUSTICE OFFICIAL TYPE 2, 1937-1945, 2" x 2"
Gilted gold heavy metal and unmarked.

Price: $1,500.00
Rare buckle. Why Eagle is gold is unknown but suspect that color indicates rank or position in the justice system.



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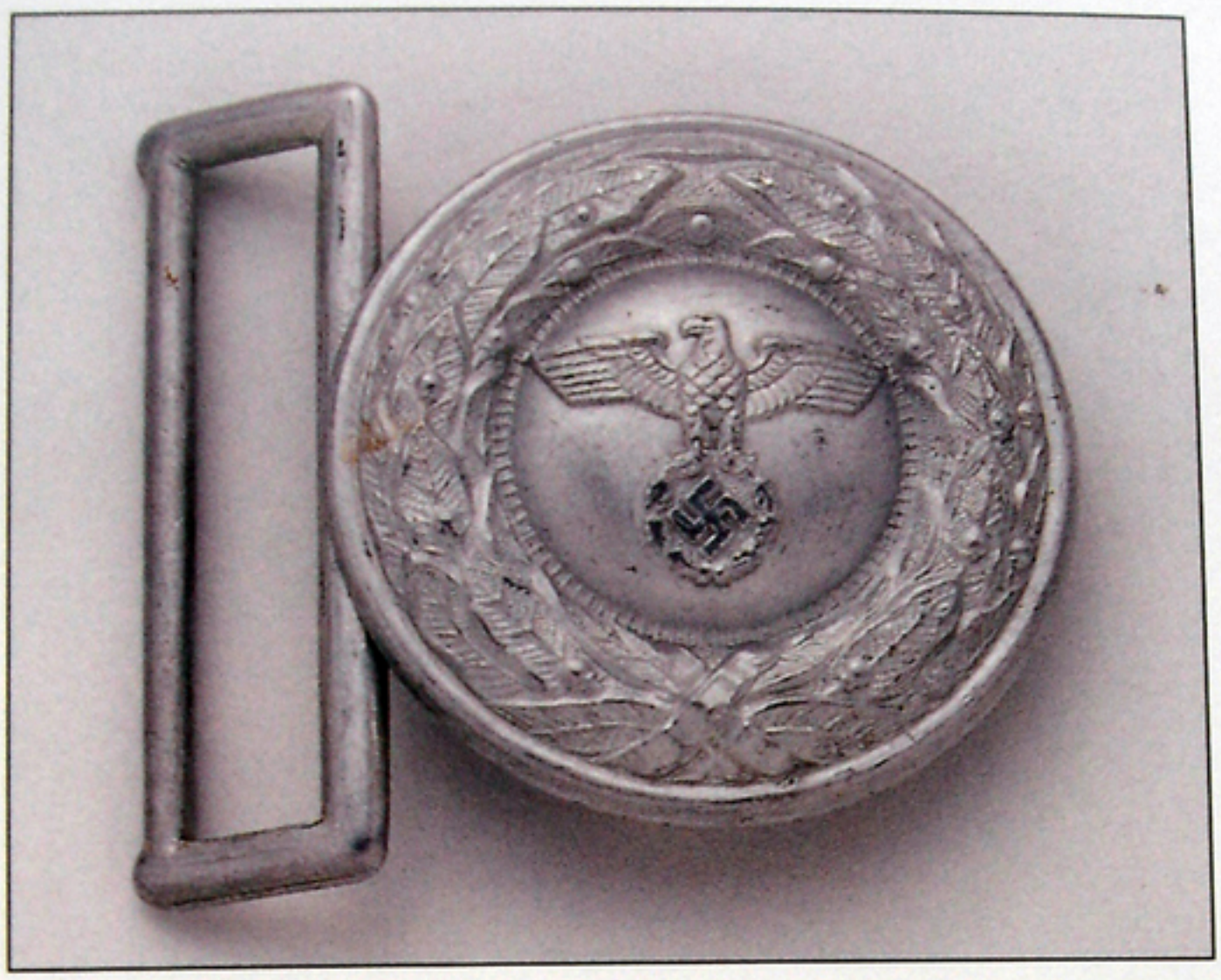
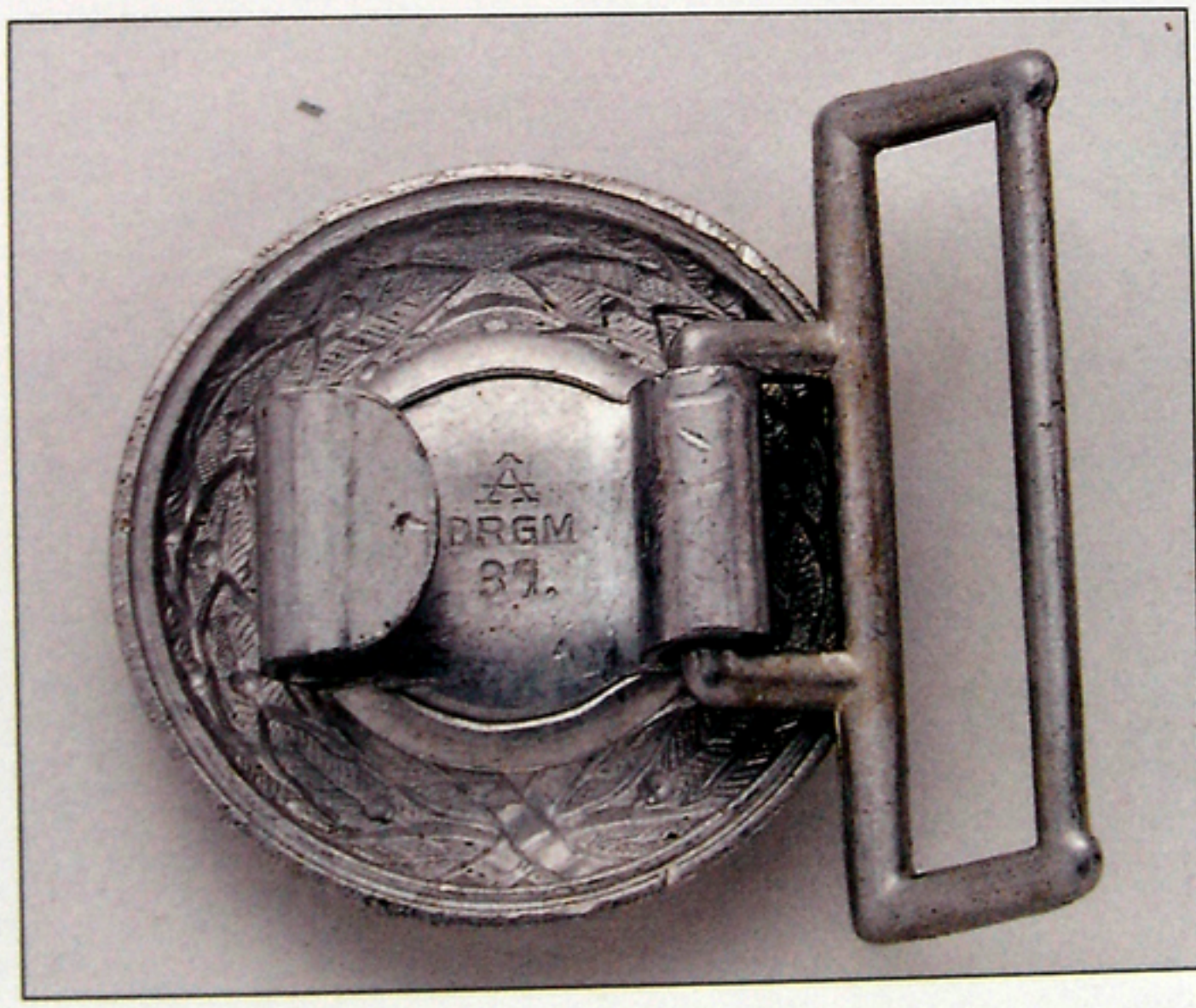
Silver aluminum Eagle faces the viewer's left. Hallmarked and has DRGM 37.

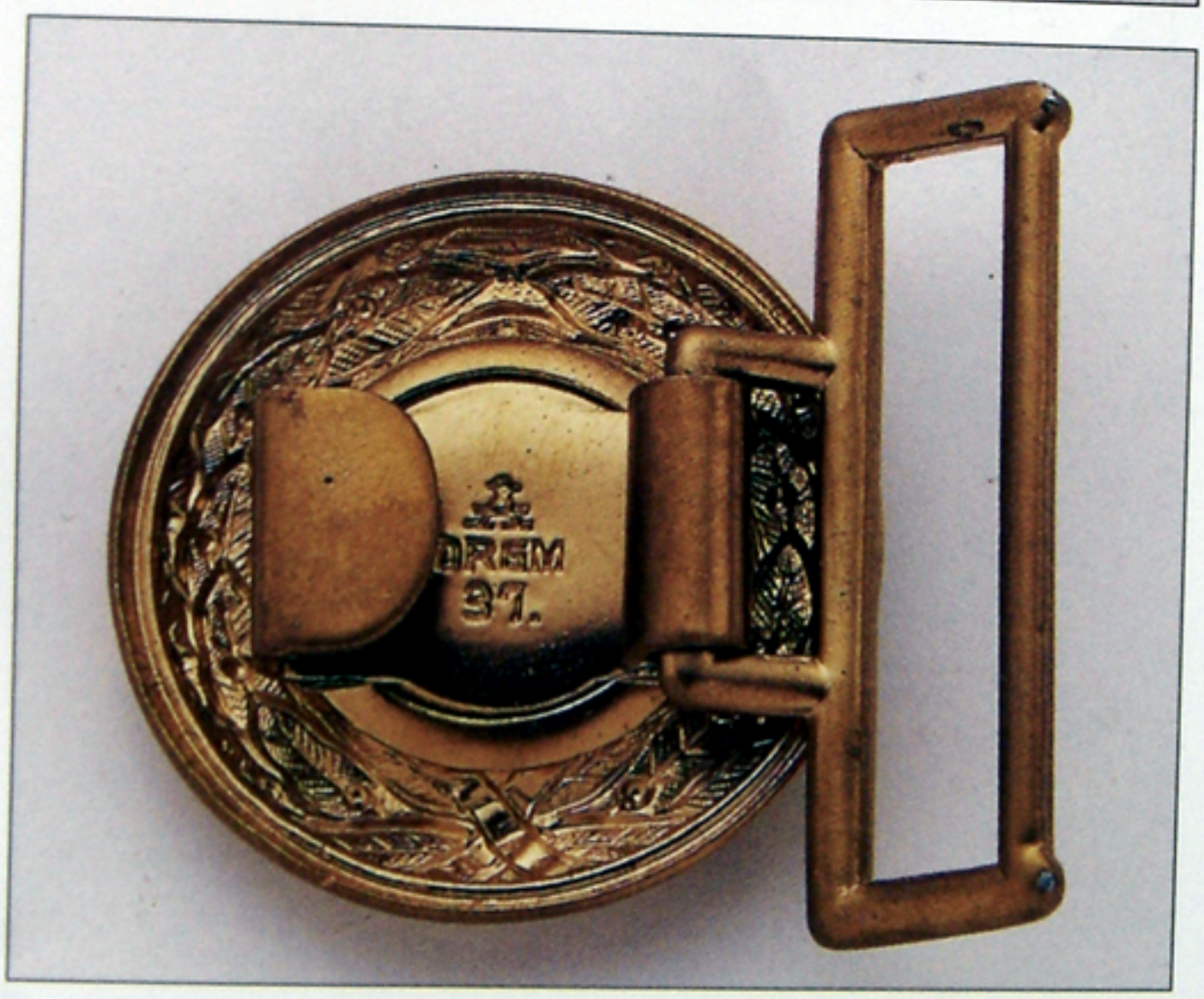
Price: $550.00





JUSTICE OFFICIAL TYPE 2, 1937-1945, 1 7/8" x 1 7/8"
Gold aluminum Eagle faces the viewer's left. Hallmarked and has DRGM 37.

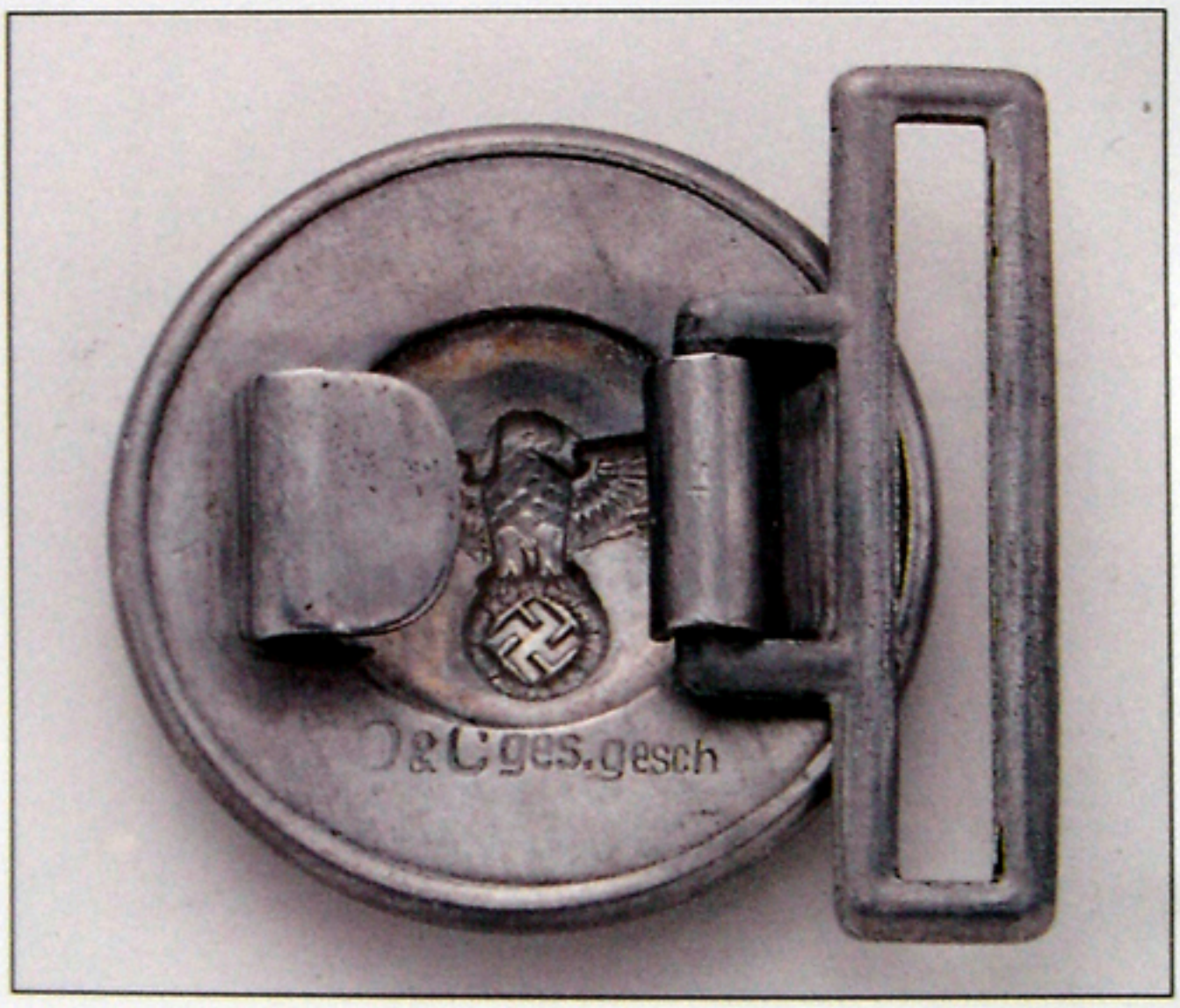
Price: $1,500.00
Rare and difficult to find high official buckle.



PENAL-PRISON ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL, 1937, 2" x 2"
Aluminum buckle with Eagle facing the viewer's left, hallmarked O & C GES GESCH.
There are two others in the series:

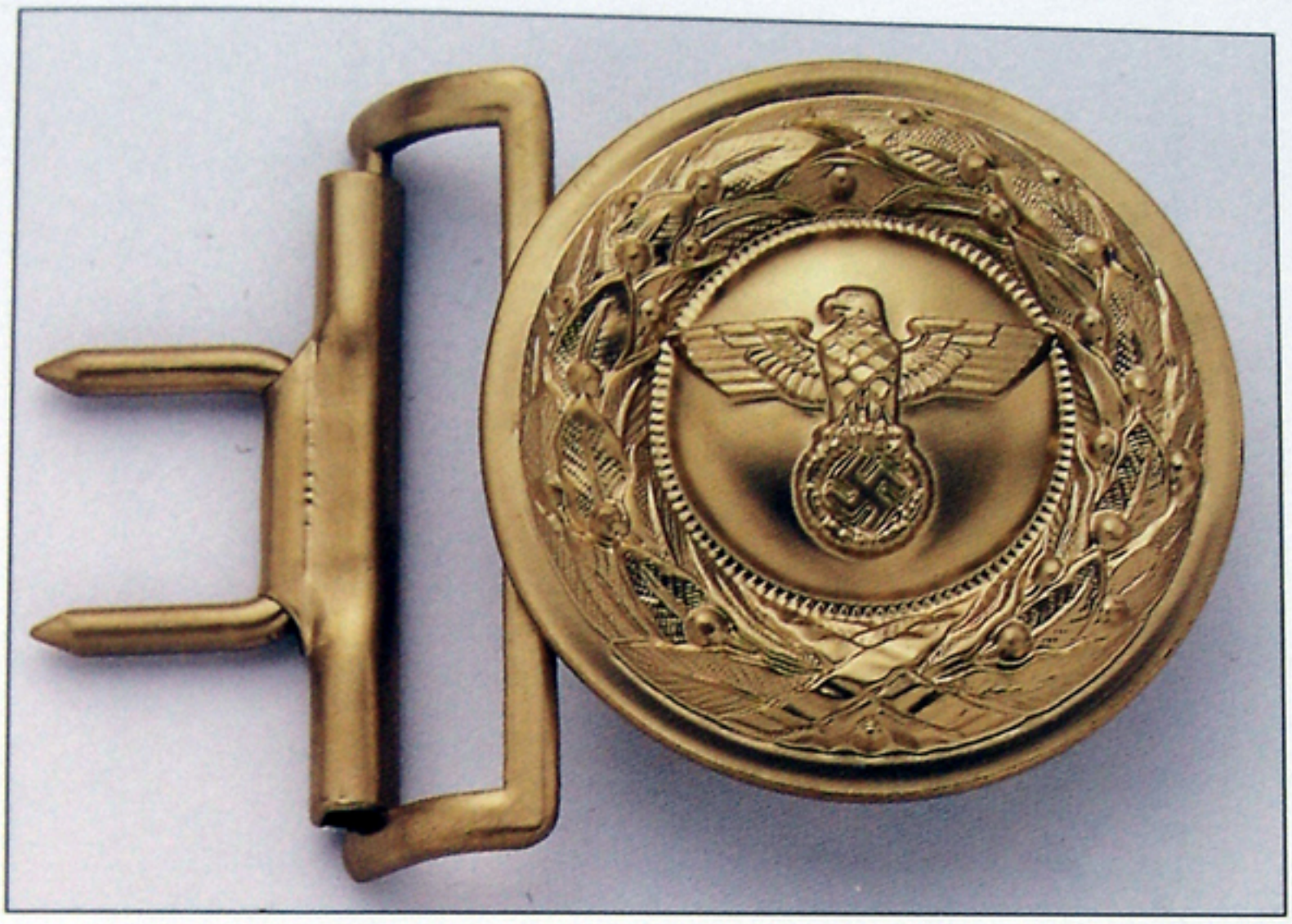
1. Black (see Author's Request)

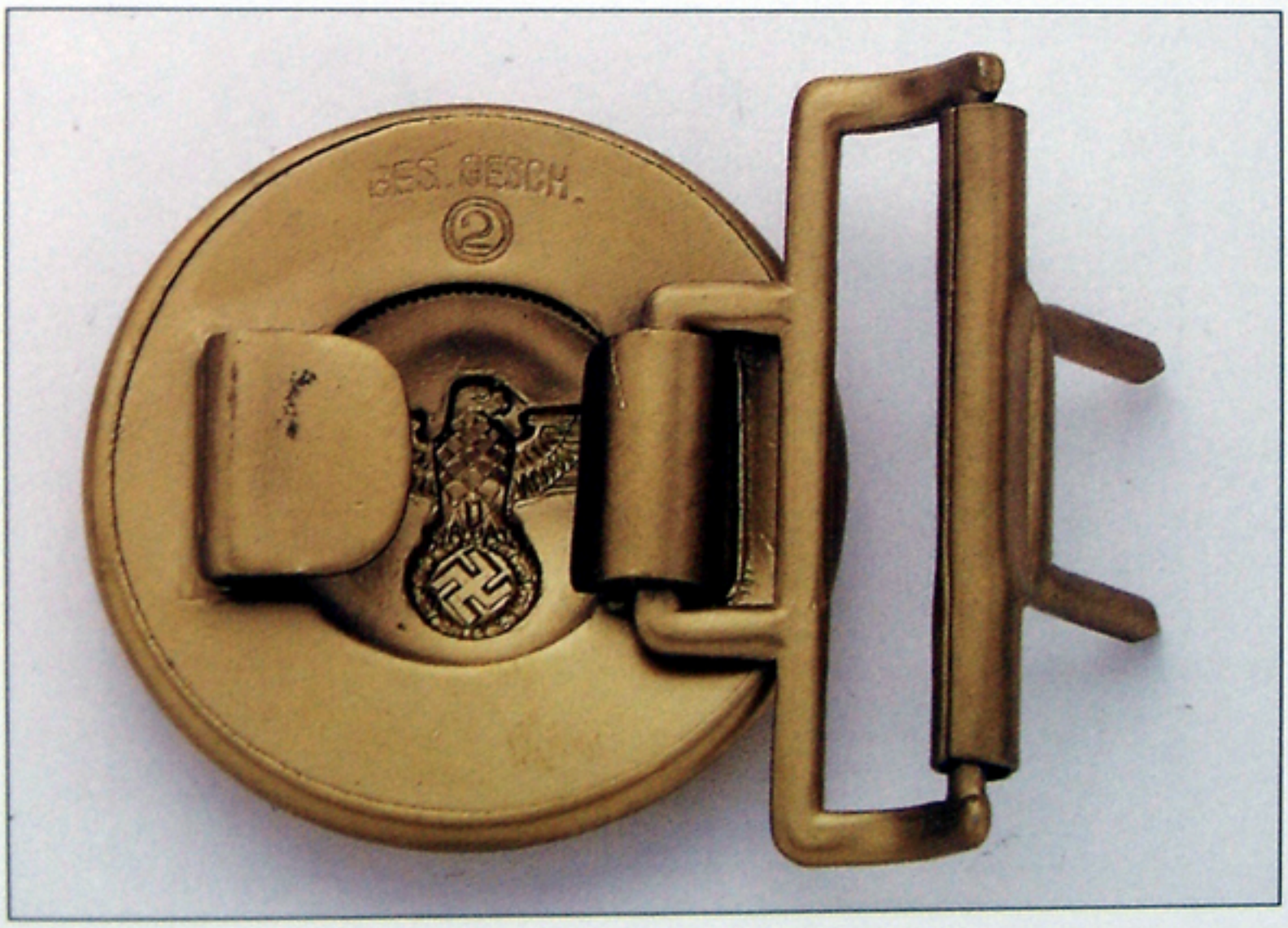
Price: $600.00



PENAL-PRISON ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL, 1937, 2" x 2"
Aluminum buckle with Eagle facing left, hallmarked GES GESCH 2 and the number 2 in a circle. There is one other in the series black color.

Price: $1,500.00
Very difficult to find.



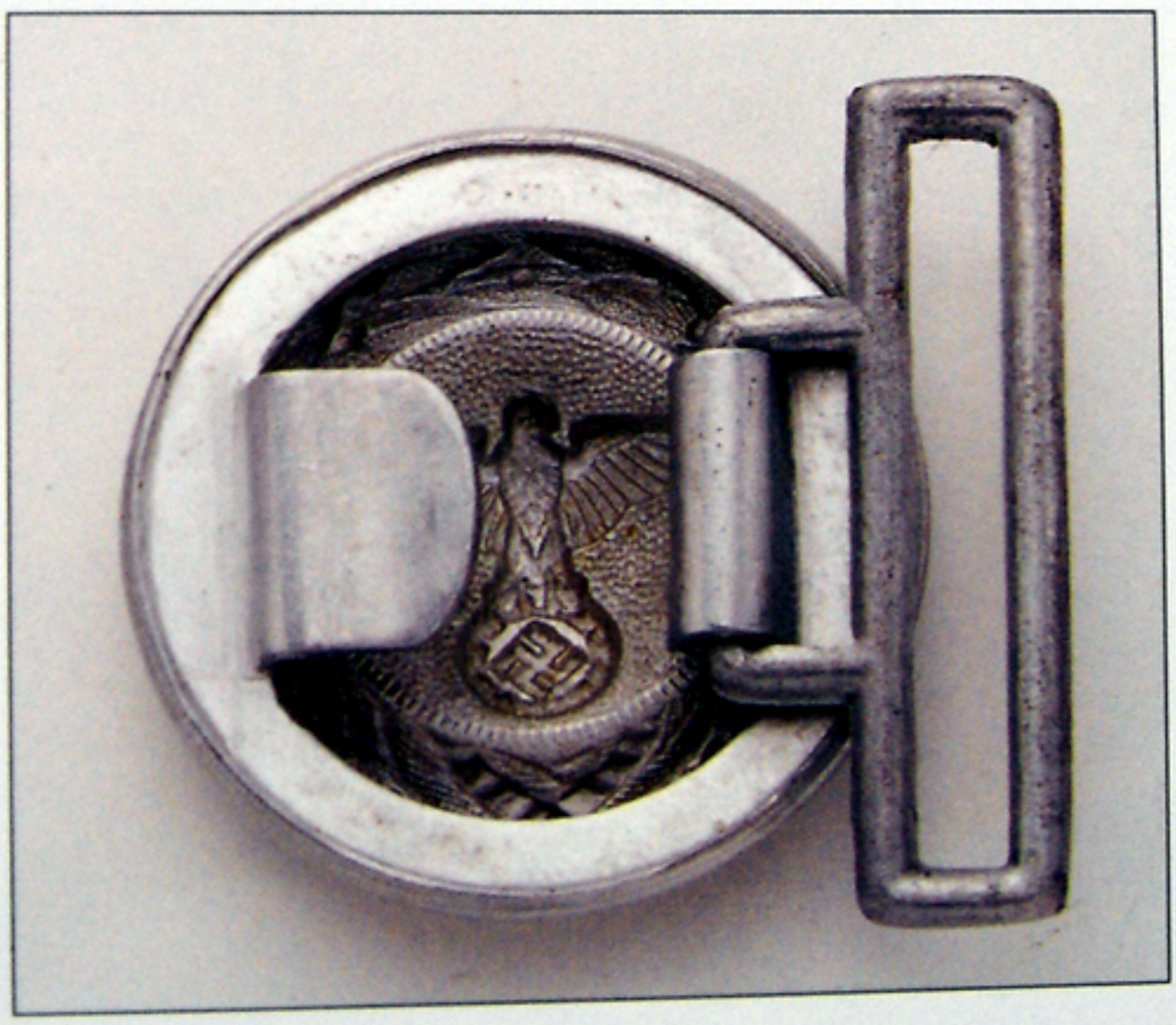


DIPLOMATIC - GROUPS 1 3, 4 AND 5, 1939, 2" x 2"
Gold aluminum buckle with Eagle facing the viewer's left, not hallmarked. See Author's Request.

Price: $1,500.00
Rare buckle to find as with all diplomatic buckles.

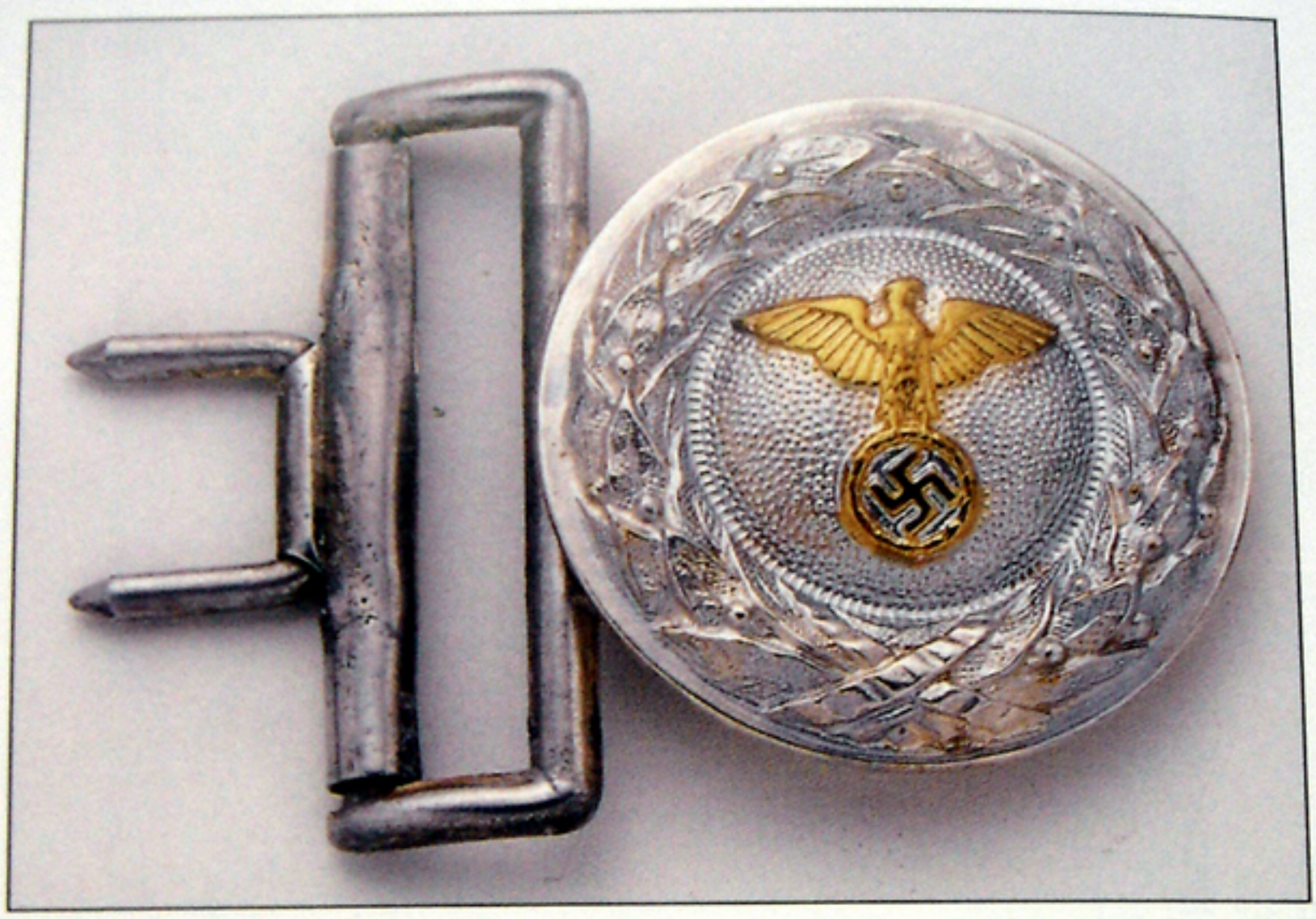
DIPLOMATIC - GROUP 2, 1939, 2" x 2"
Silvered aluminum buckle with gilted gold, national emblem facing the viewer's left. See Author's Request.

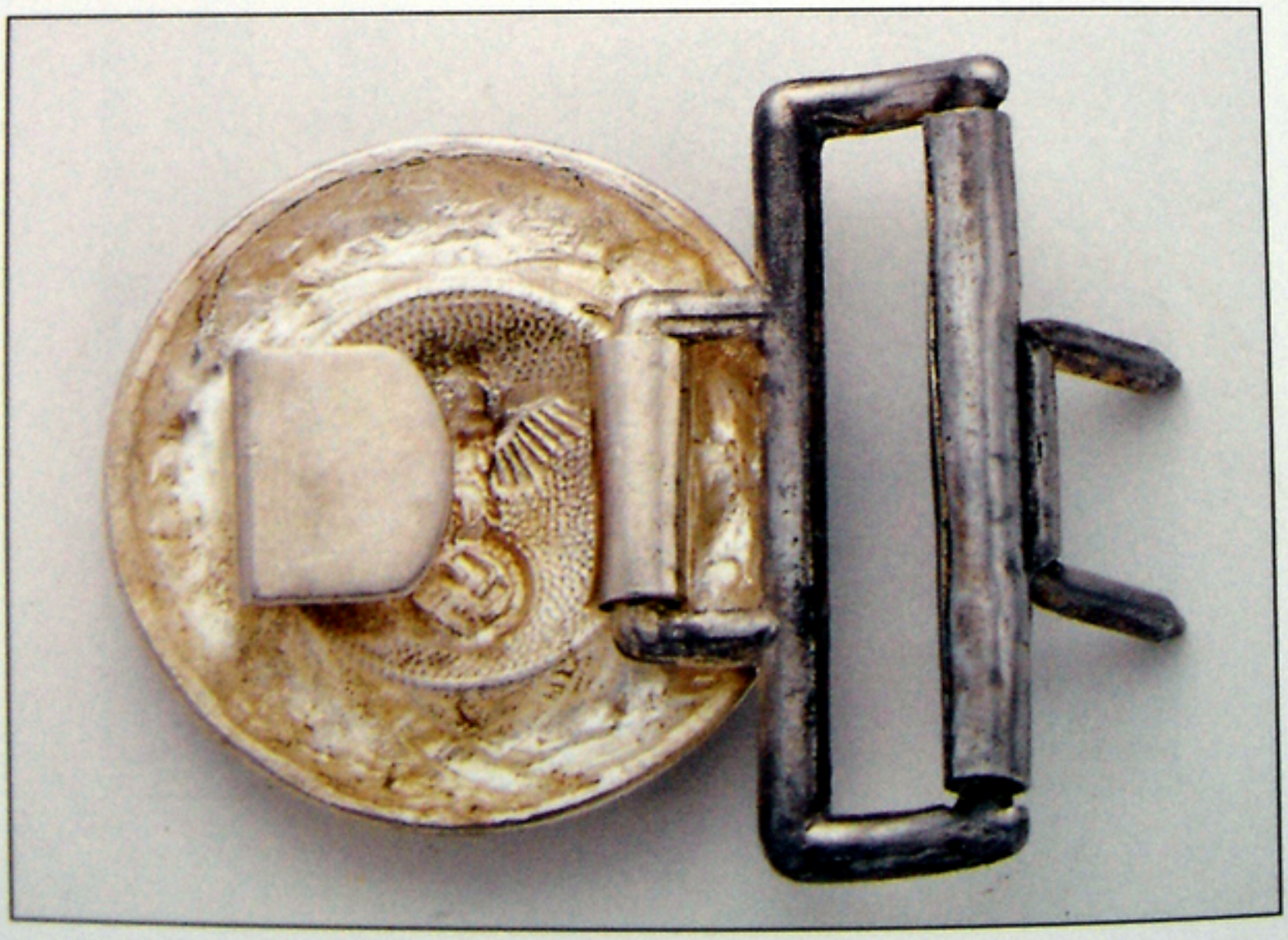
Price: $1,500.00



GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL BUCKLE, 1940, 1 3/4" x 1 3/4"
Silvered heavy metal buckle with gold gilted Eagle wreath and Swastika with Eagle facing viewer's right. Please note that buckles of the diplomatic departments usually have Eagle facing left and governmental officials have Eagle facing right. However period photos have shown these officials wearing buckles both left and right and only the type of belt with the buckle will tell you who is who with which branch the buckle was made for.

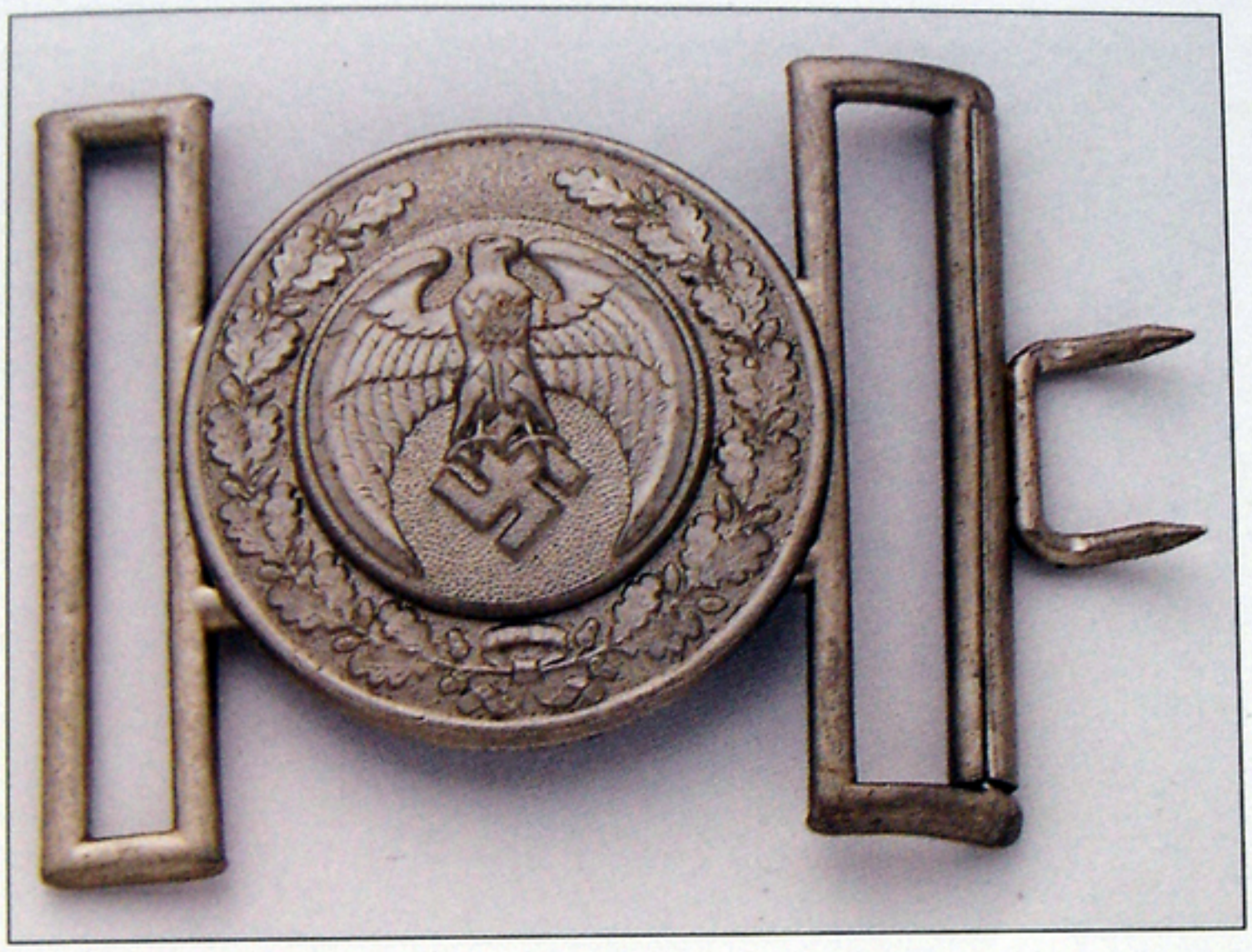
Price: $1,500.00
Very rare buckle, as are all government official buckles.

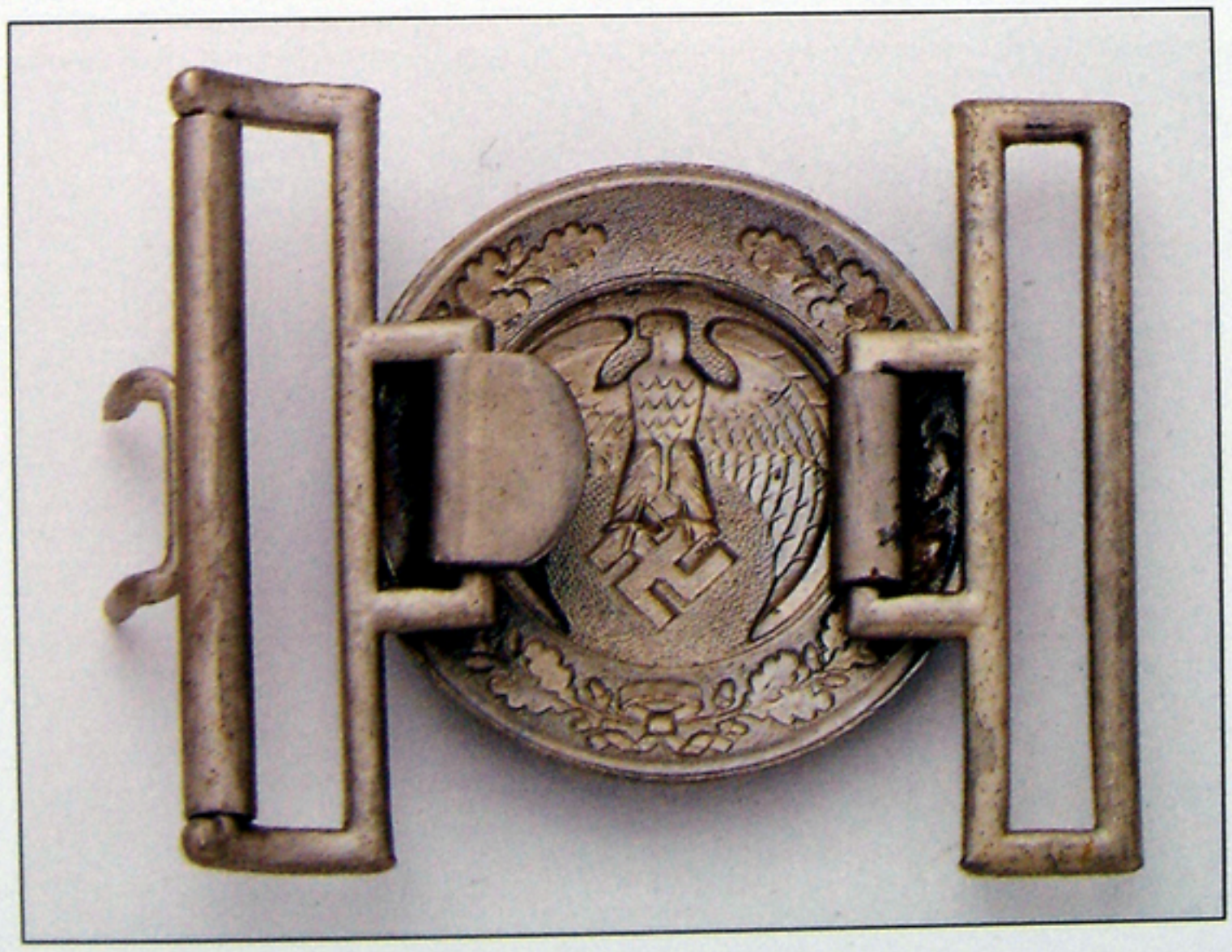




DIPLOMATIC PROTOTYPE, 2" x 2" (called the Bat Wing)
Matte silvered steel, unmarked. There is a gold colored one also. See Author's Request.

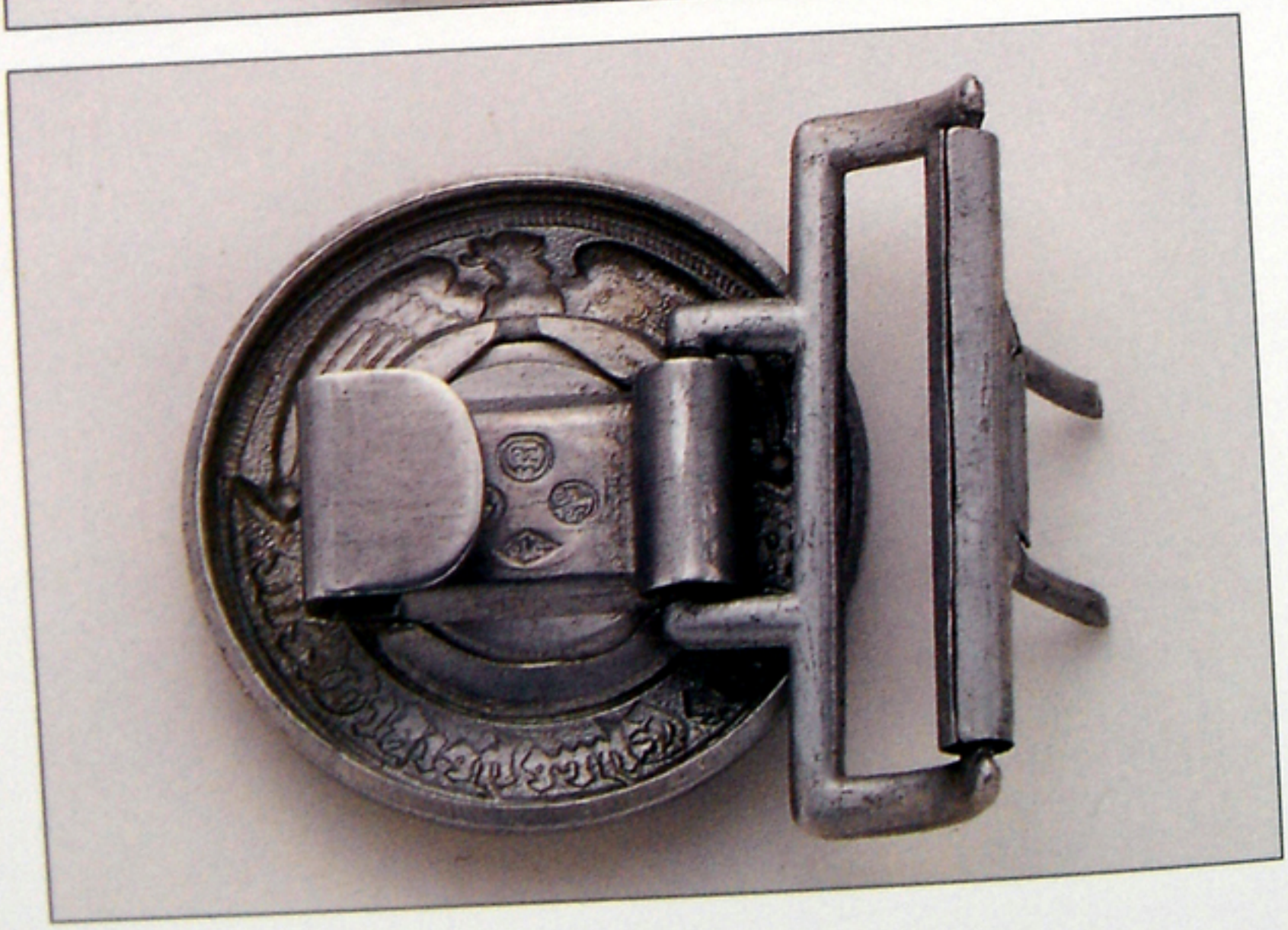
Price: $2,500.00
Rare buckle





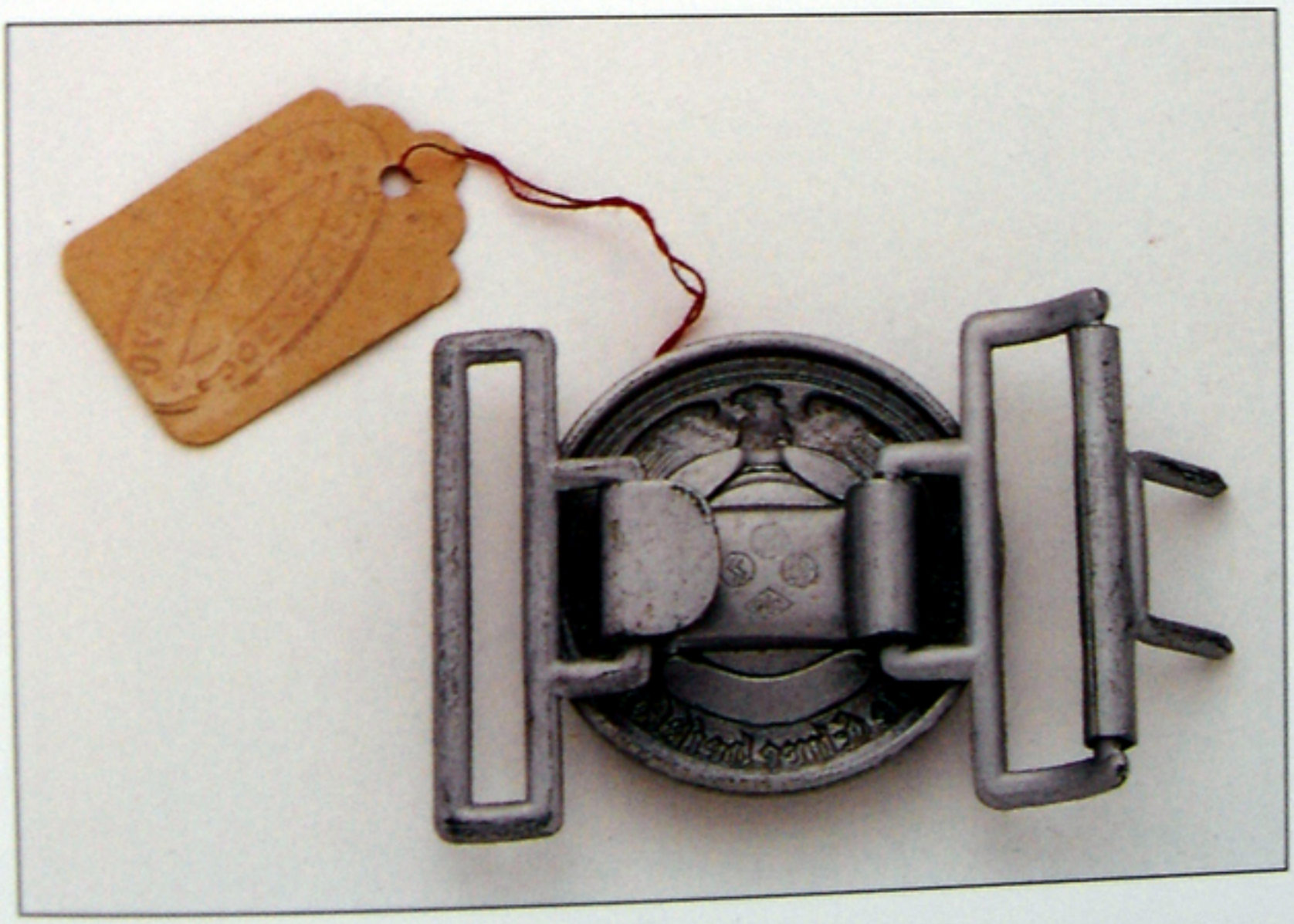
SS OFFICER, 1935, 2" x 2"
Made of aluminum, hallmarked with RZM and SS Proof Mark. The motto says "My Honor is Loyalty"; without an exclamation point; and this motto is on all SS Officer Buckles. This motto was officially recognized by Adolf Hitler in April of 1931.

Price: $1,000.00



SS OFFICER, 1935, 2" x 2"
Heavy metal, probably zinc alloy, dull silver gray with RZM and SS Proof Mark. This buckle is complete and never was issued because the tag is still attached and dated 1943.

Price: $1,800.00
Very rare to find a complete buckle unissued.



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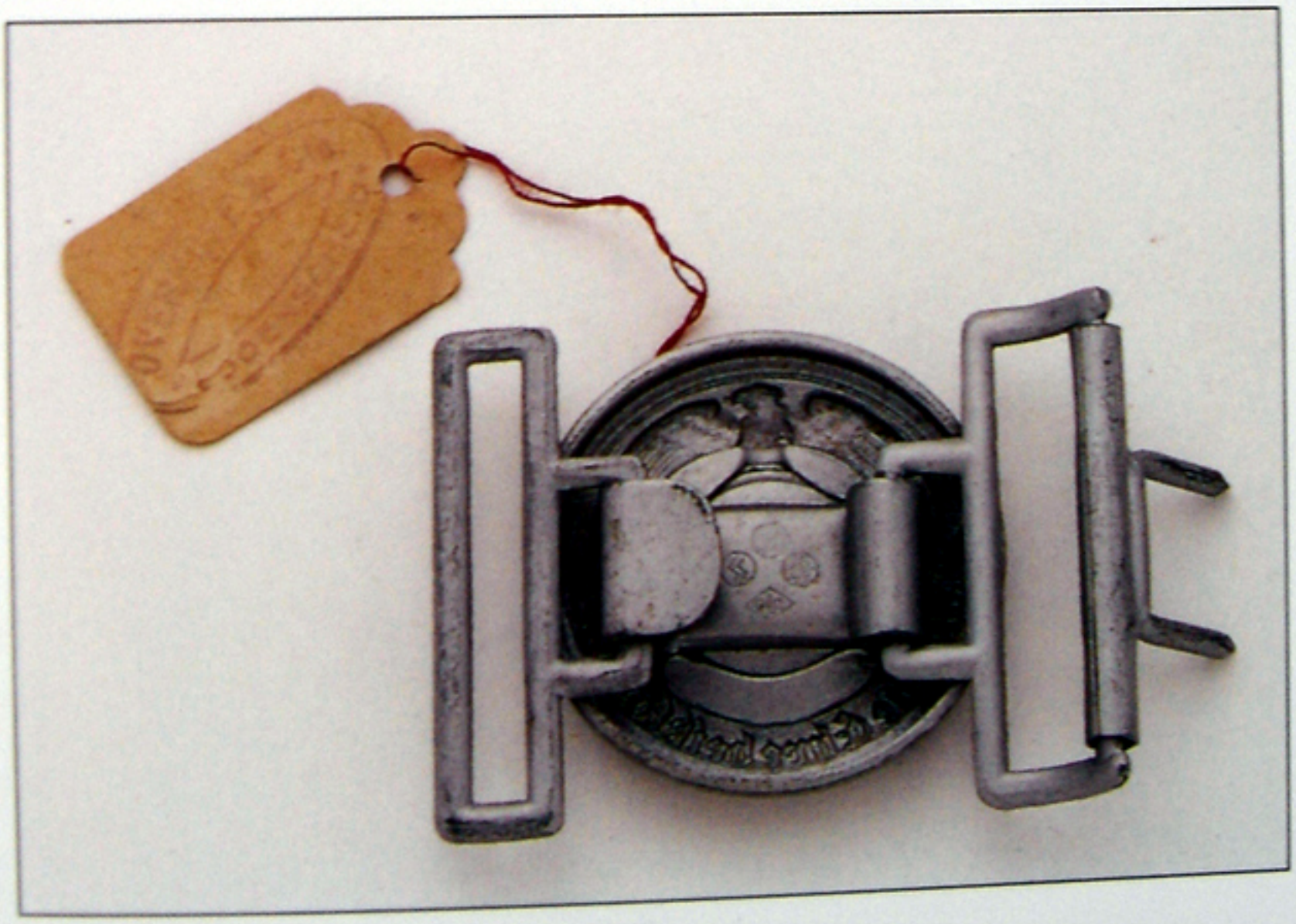


SS OFFICER, 1933, 2" x 2"
Nickel Buckle. It is a variation in how it is hallmarked. It has the RZM Proof Mark and O and C GES GESCH. This is probably a pre 1935 buckle.

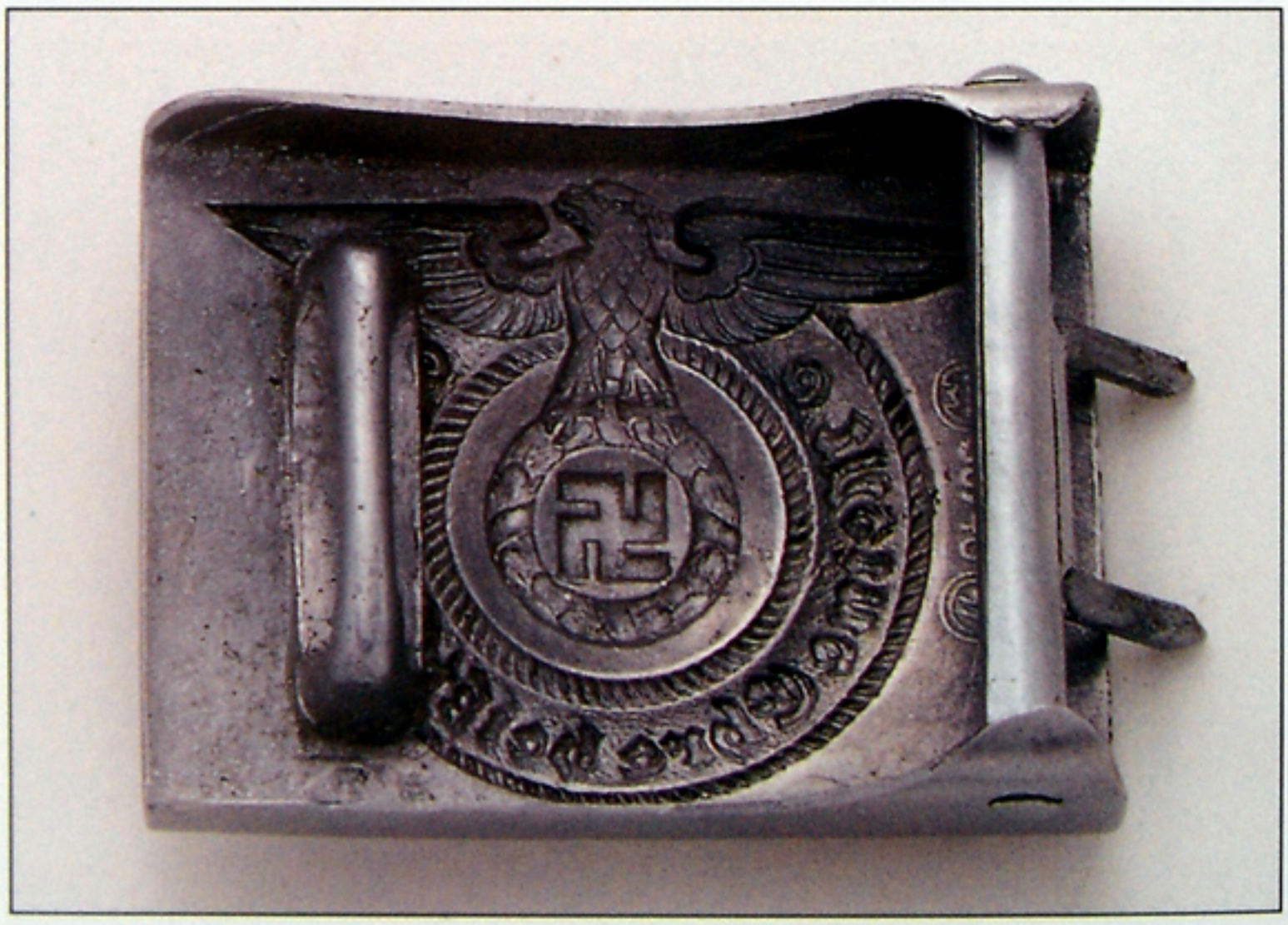
Price: $1,500.00
Very rare early SS Buckle

SS ENLISTED, 1931, 2 3/8" x 1 15/16"
Early pre-1935 nickel silver unmarked buckle. Motto is "My Honor is Loyalty!" Enlisted buckles have the exclamation point after them.

Price: $375.00
This buckle appears to have been painted olive drab at one time.

SS ENLISTED, 1935, 2 3/8" x 1 13/16"
Standard aluminum dress buckle, painted silver gray. Hallmarked under prong bar with RZM and SS Proof Mark. This buckle is dated 1940.

Price: $350.00



SS ENLISTED, 1931, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Standard dress, silver gray steel buckle. RZM marked with SS Proof Mark. This buckle has the original production tag with it. This tag would normally be attached to the buckle but it was separated from the buckle. It appears that this buckle was never worn. This buckle is dated 1942.

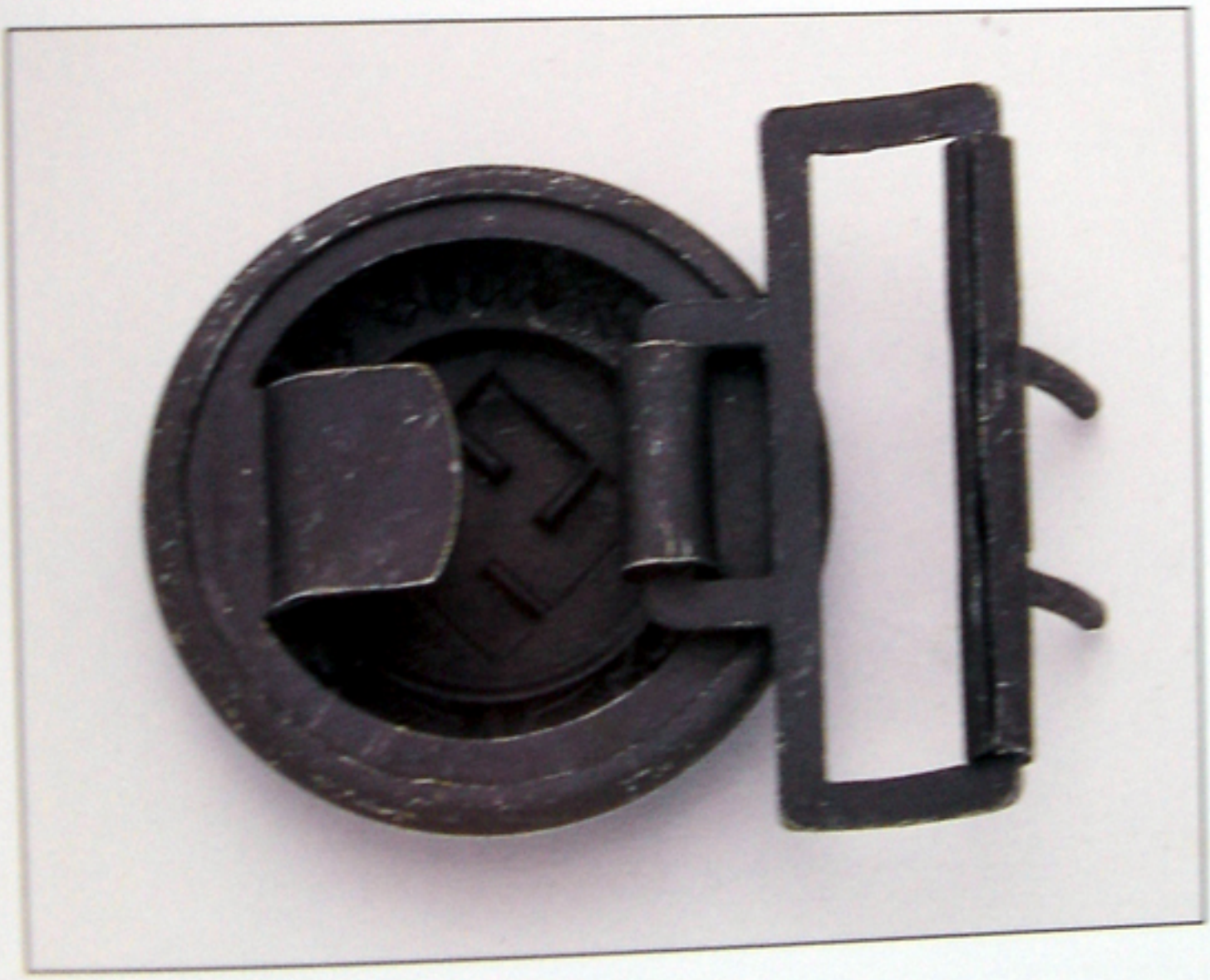
Price: $450.00
Rare to find buckle with original RZM tag.

SS ENLISTED, 1939, 2 3/8" x 1 15/16"
Steel buckle, painted olive drab and used primarily by Waffen-SS (Armed SS) in combat. Hallmarked RODO. RODO Company name is Robert Tummler, Dobeln.

Price: $400.00
Rare buckle with RODO Mark.

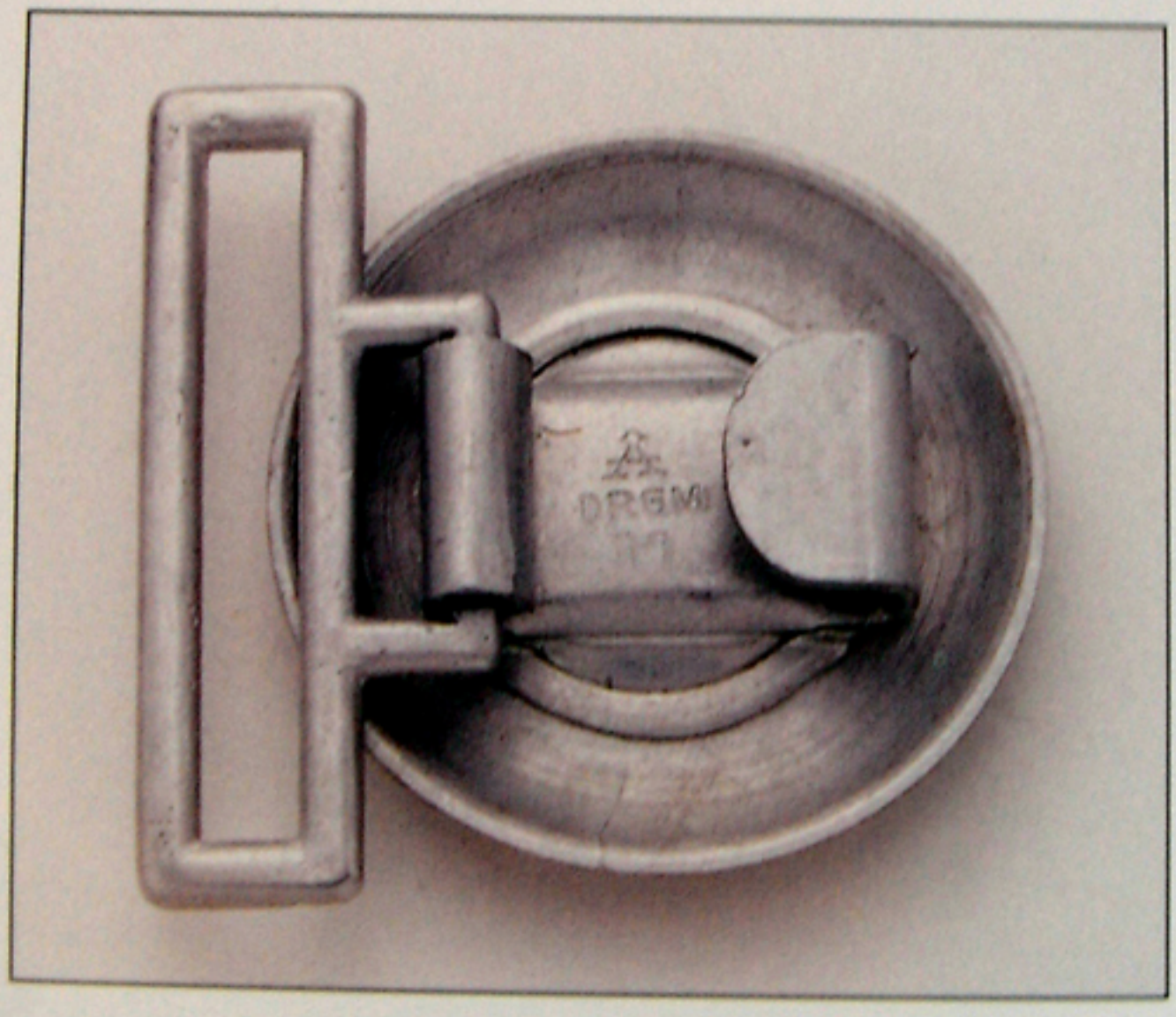
FIRE PROTECTION POLICE OFFICER (Pre 1940), 1 7/8" x 1 7/8"
Burnished black aluminum, unmarked. The motto says (God With US). Buckle has the raise Swastika center on plain field with half oak leaf wreath. This buckle color was discontinued in 1940. There is an enlisted buckle also.

Price: $300.00



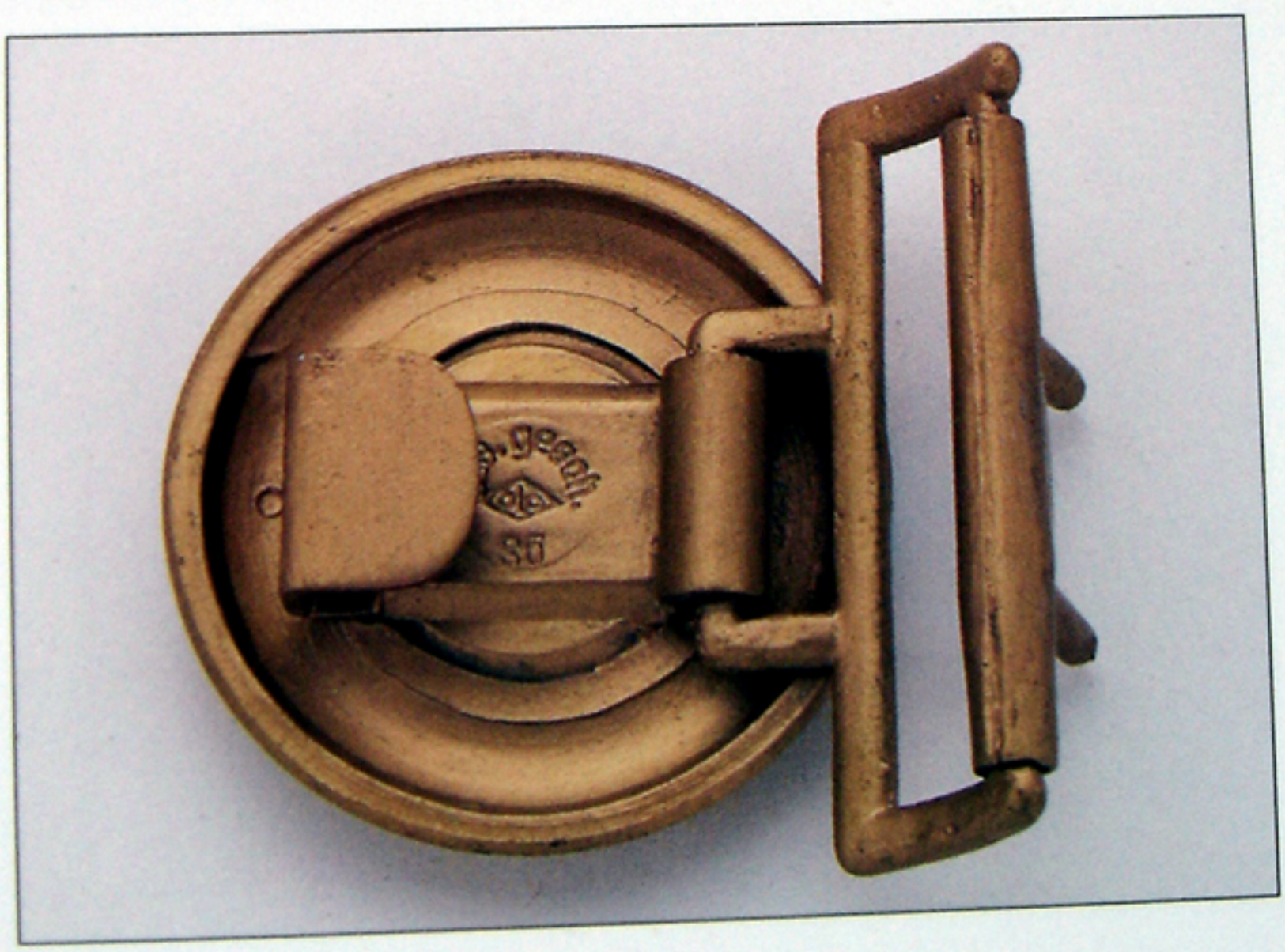
STANDARD POLICE OFFICER, 1935, 1 7/8" x 1 7/8"
Silvered aluminum with polished highlights, hallmarked with DRGM - 37. Note: The Police Generals Buckle is identical as the above, but finished in matte or polished gold. See Author's Request.

Price: $300.00
Higher value if SS Proof Marked.



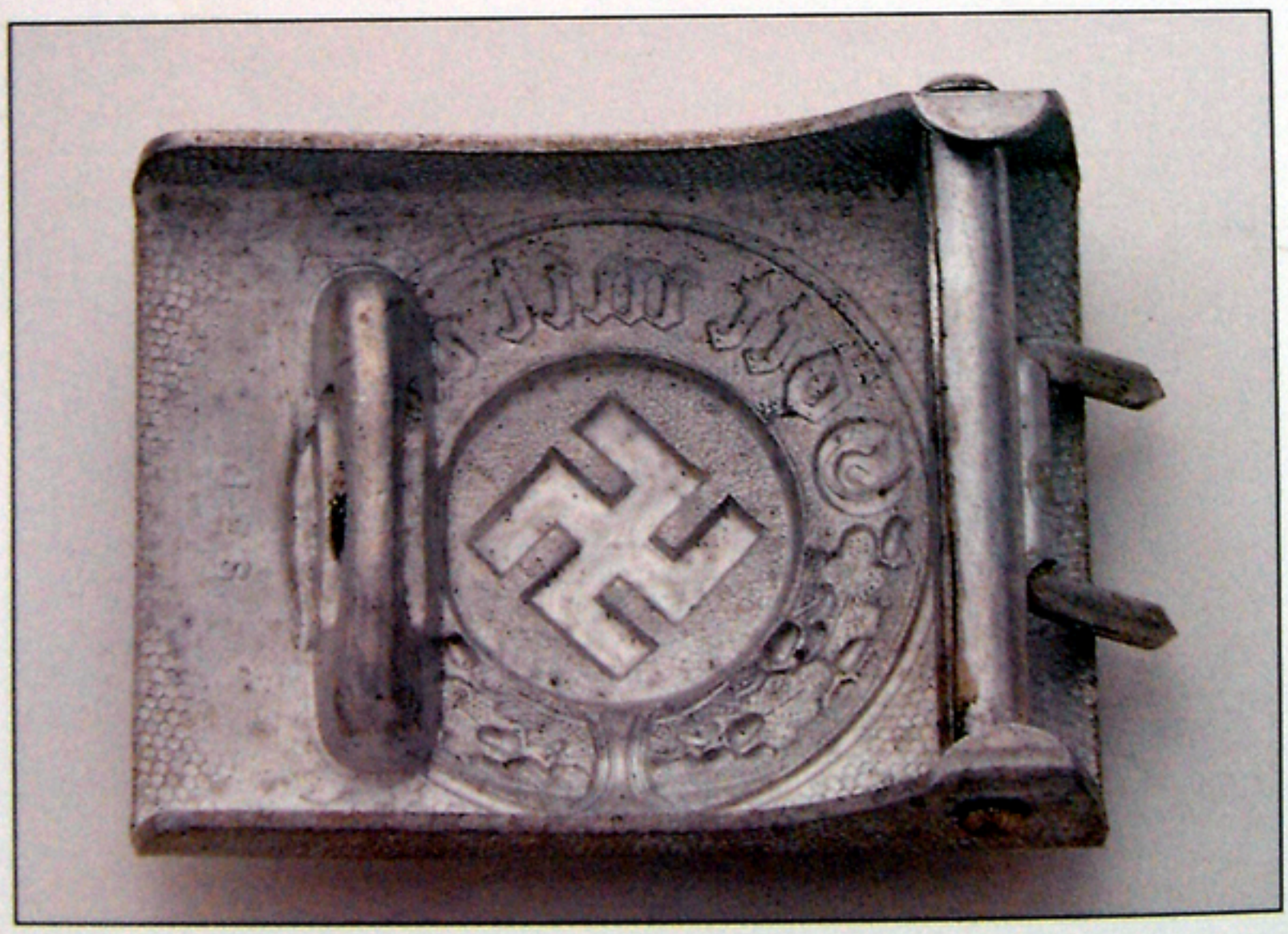
WATER POLICE OFFICER, 1935, 1 7/8" x 1 7/8"
Gold colored, aluminum buckle, hallmarked with company logo and year of production 36.

Price: $375.00
Harder to find than the standard Police Officer buckles.



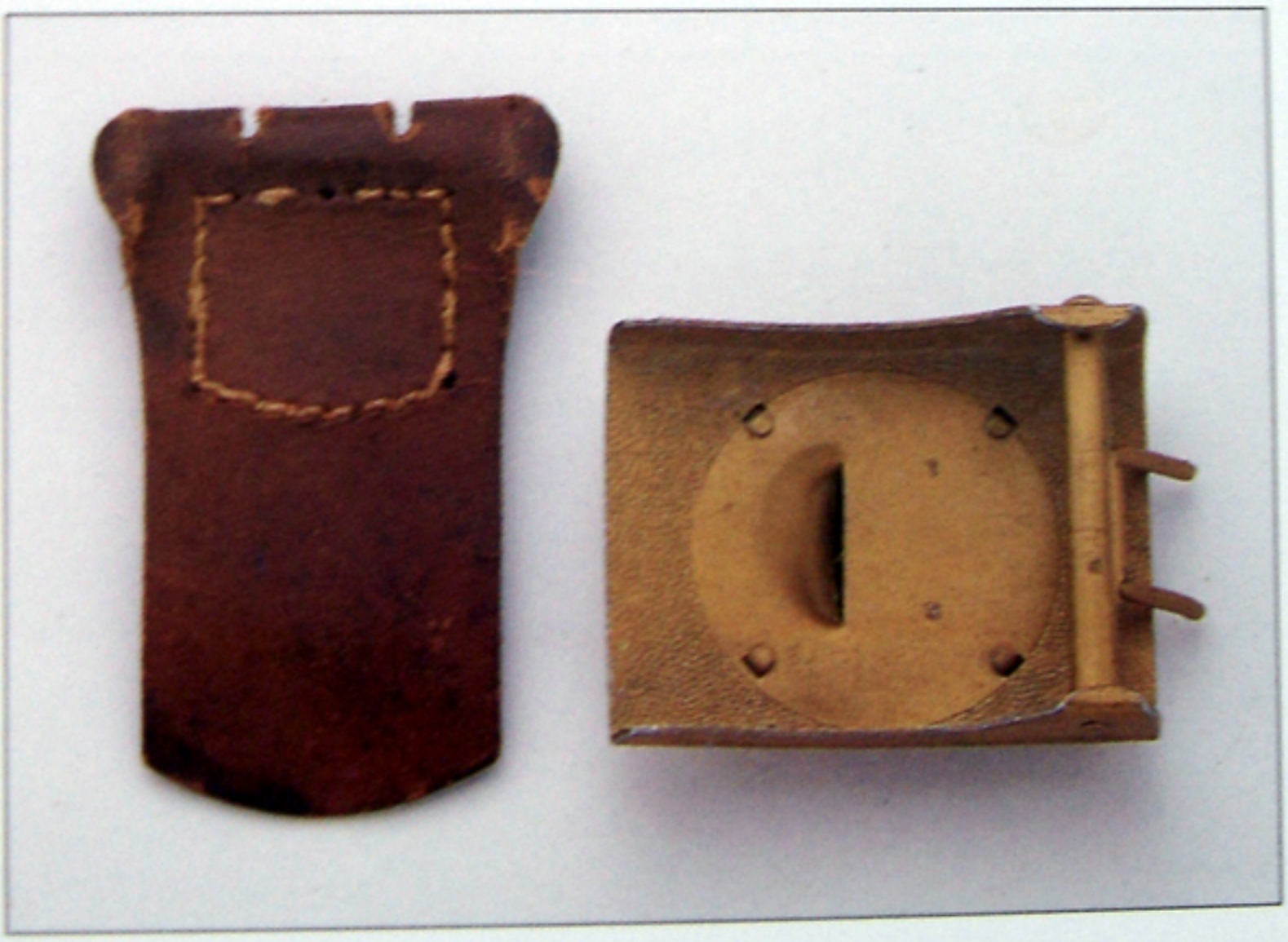
ENLISTED POLICE, 1935, 1 7/8" x 2 3/8"
Silvered aluminum buckle, hallmarked. All police personnel including Army and Air Force wore this buckle.

Price: $150.00



ENLISTED WATER/TRAFFIC POLICE, 1935. 1 7/8" x 2 3/8"
Gold colored aluminum buckle with leather tab. Tab shows manufacturing company and the production date of 1942. Reverse side of this tab has the policeman's initials of W.E.P.

Price: $200.00



RURAL POLICE BUCKLE, 1936, 2 3/8" x 1 13/16"
Nickel silver buckle, hallmarked with company trade mark. The Eagle is the national symbol. Eagle with outstretched wings clutching Swastika surrounded by oak leaf wreath on a plain field.

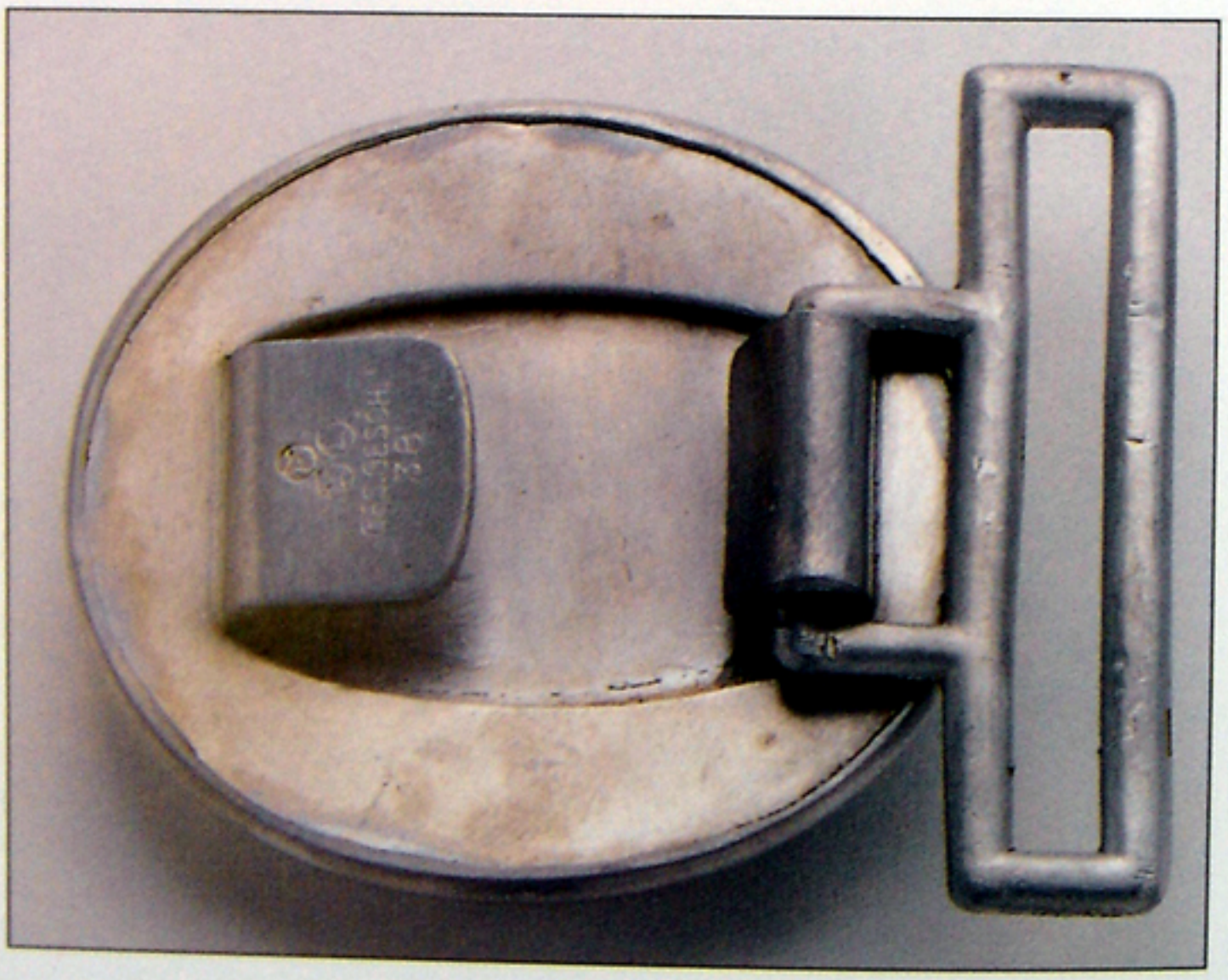
Price: $450.00

RURAL POLICE BUCKLE, 1936, 2 3/8" x 1 13/16"
Gold plated, hallmarked with company trade mark. Gold color indicates high ranking police officer.

Price: $550.00

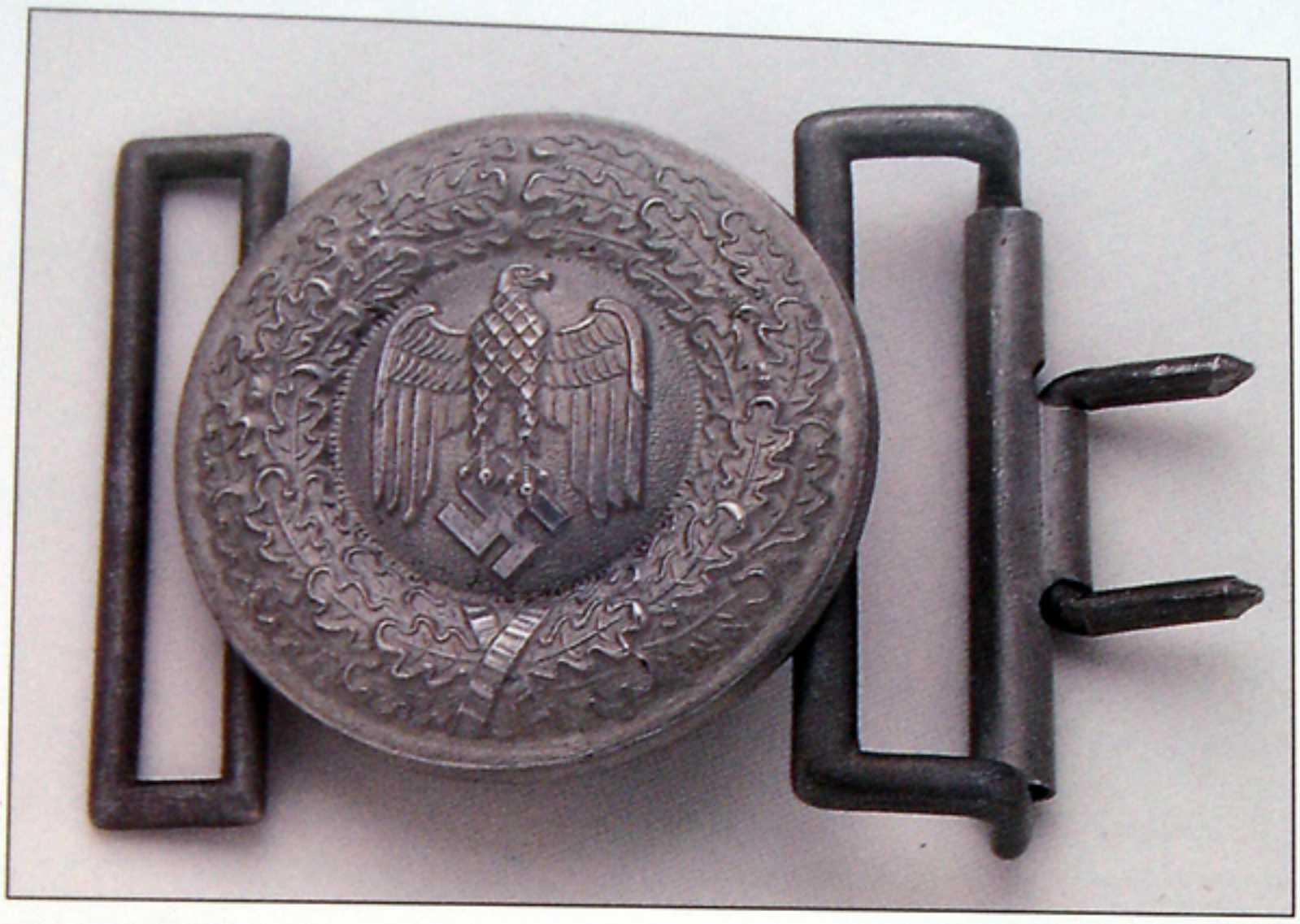
CUSTOMS OFFICER, 1938, 2" x 2"
Matte aluminum buckle, unmarked, with outstretched winged Eagle facing viewer's left clutching wreath on a plain field surrounded by the oak leaf wreath. The Land Customs Officer was called "Landzoll". The Sea-Water Customs Officer was called "Wasserzoll". This buckle hallmarked FLL GES GESCH 38.

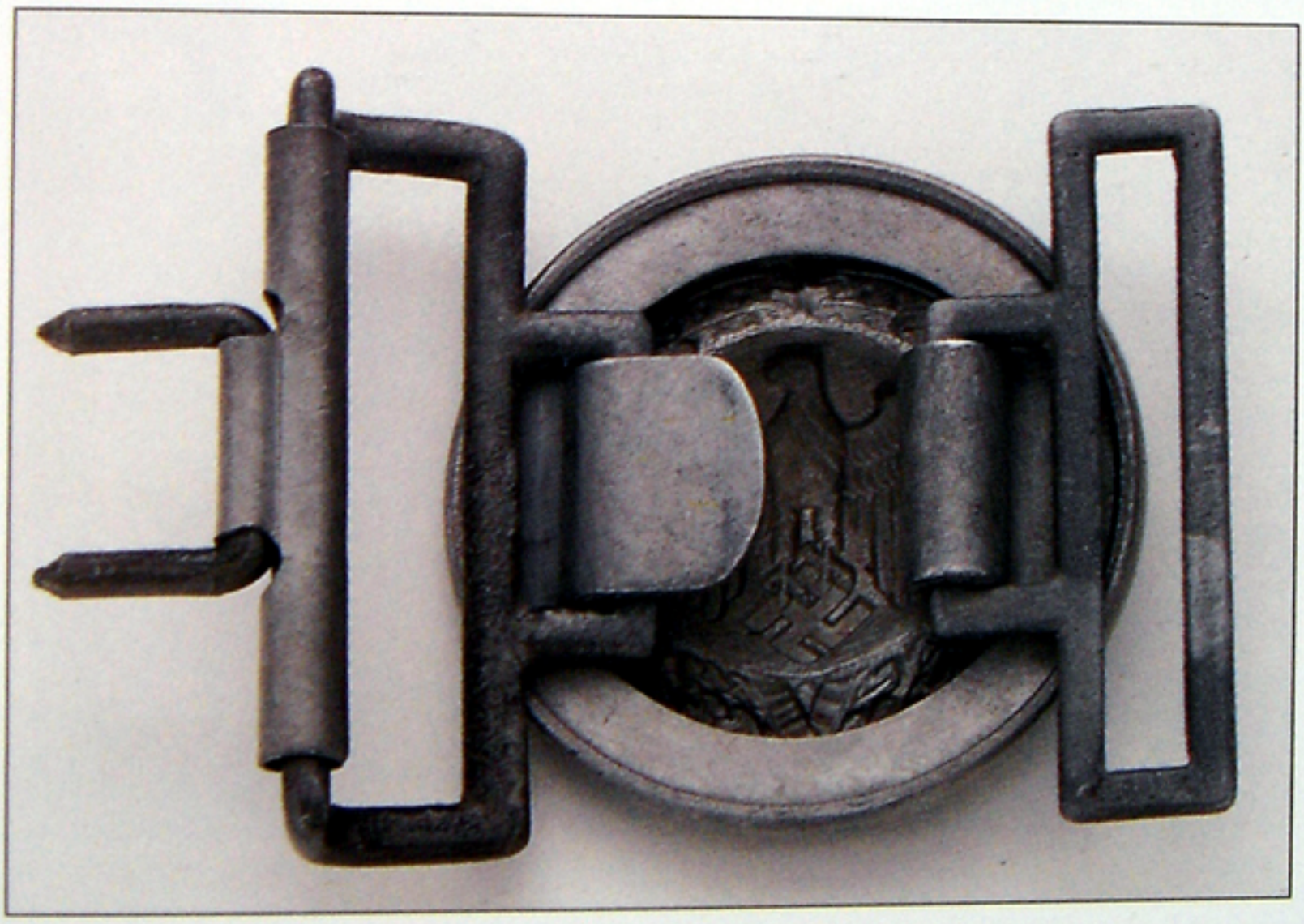
Price: $500.00
Rare buckle.



STANDARD ARMY OFFICER BUCKLE, 1937, 2" x 2"
Aluminum buckle, unmarked. Eagle with folded wings clutching the Swastika in its talons surrounded by an oak leaf wreath. These buckles come both marked and unmarked. There are two other army officer buckles under Author's Request.

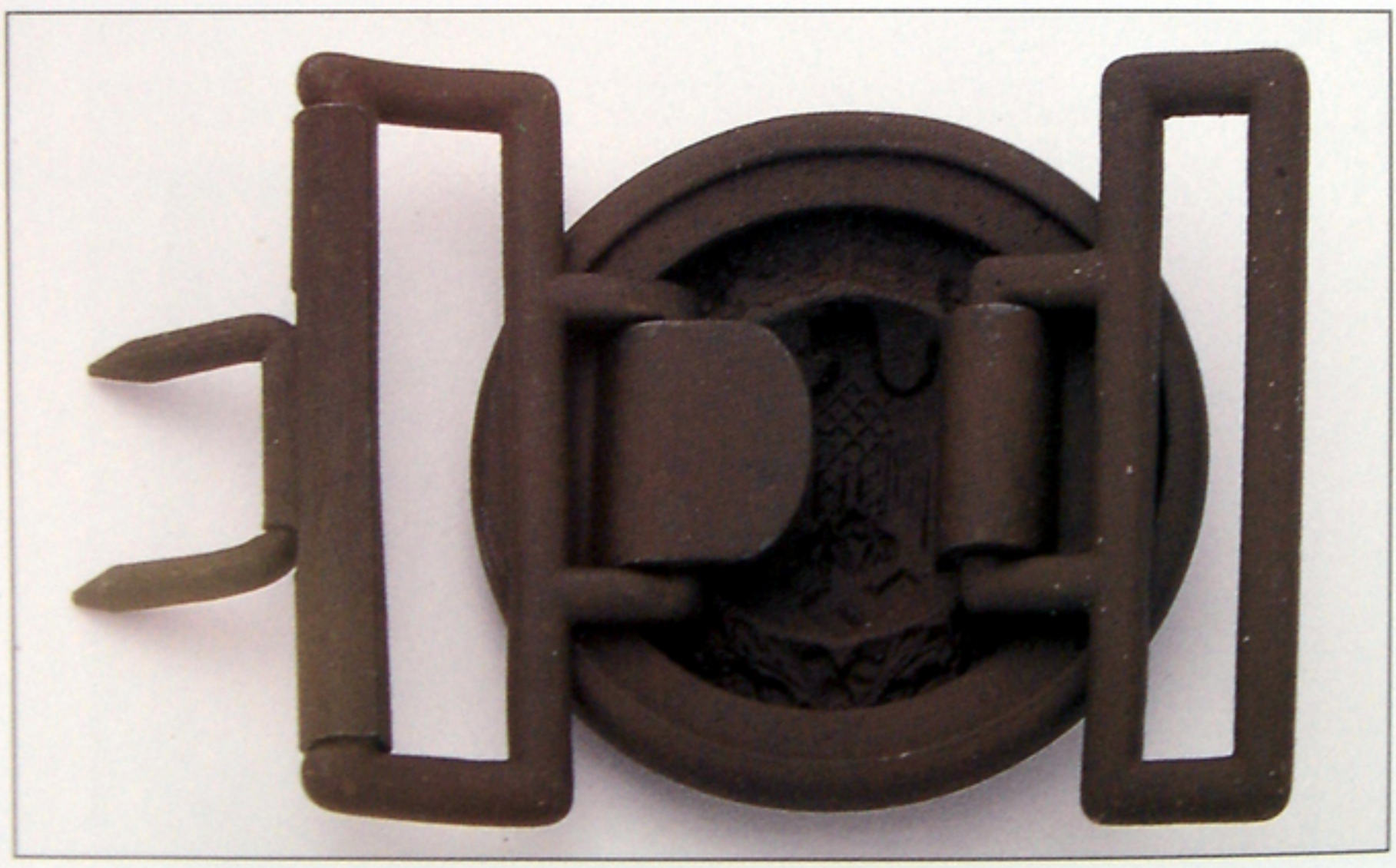
Price: $150.00





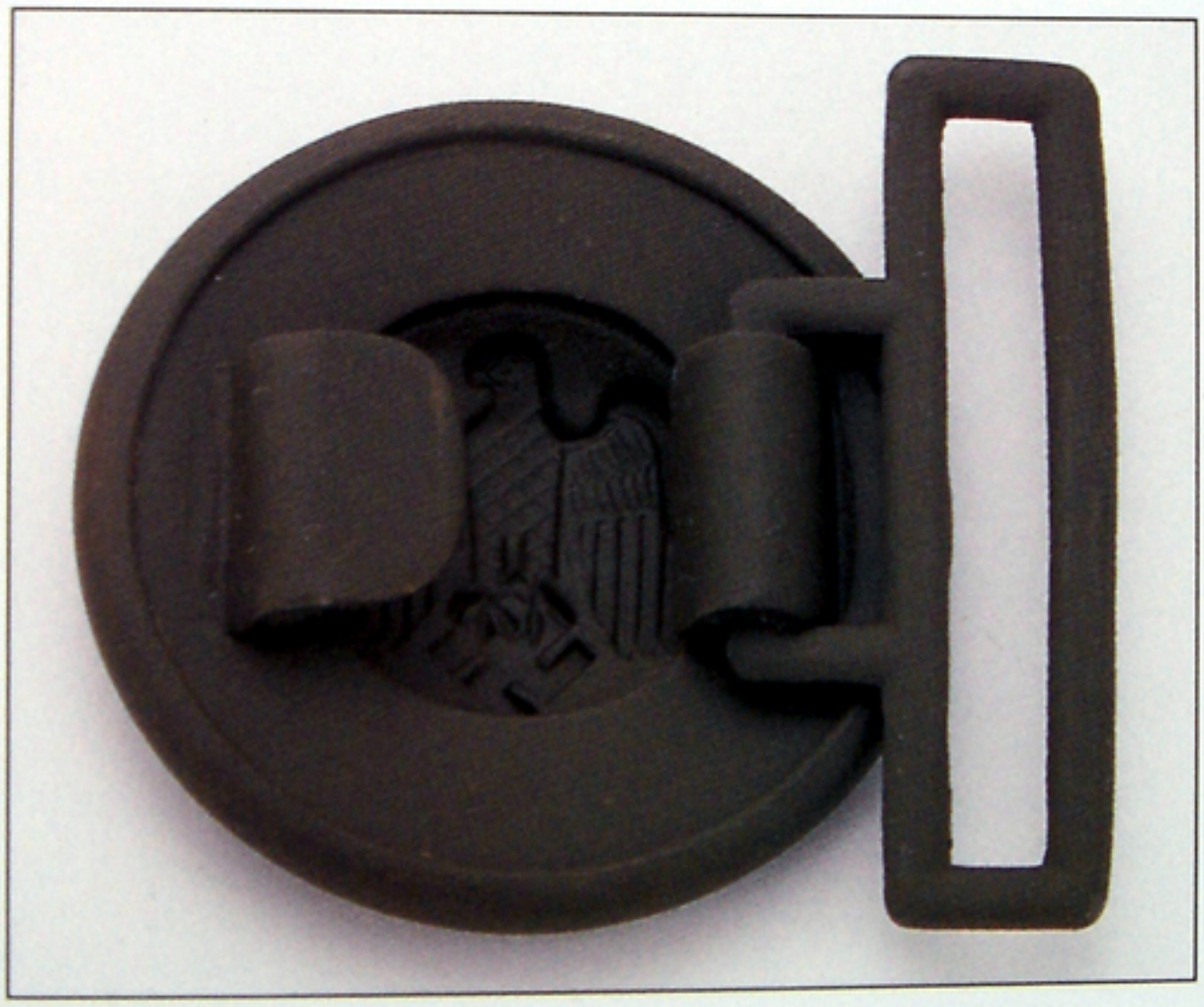
TROPICAL ARMY OFFICER BUCKLE, 1940, 2" x 2"
Olive drab, aluminum buckle, unmarked. Commonly used by the Afrika Korps.

Price:$350.00



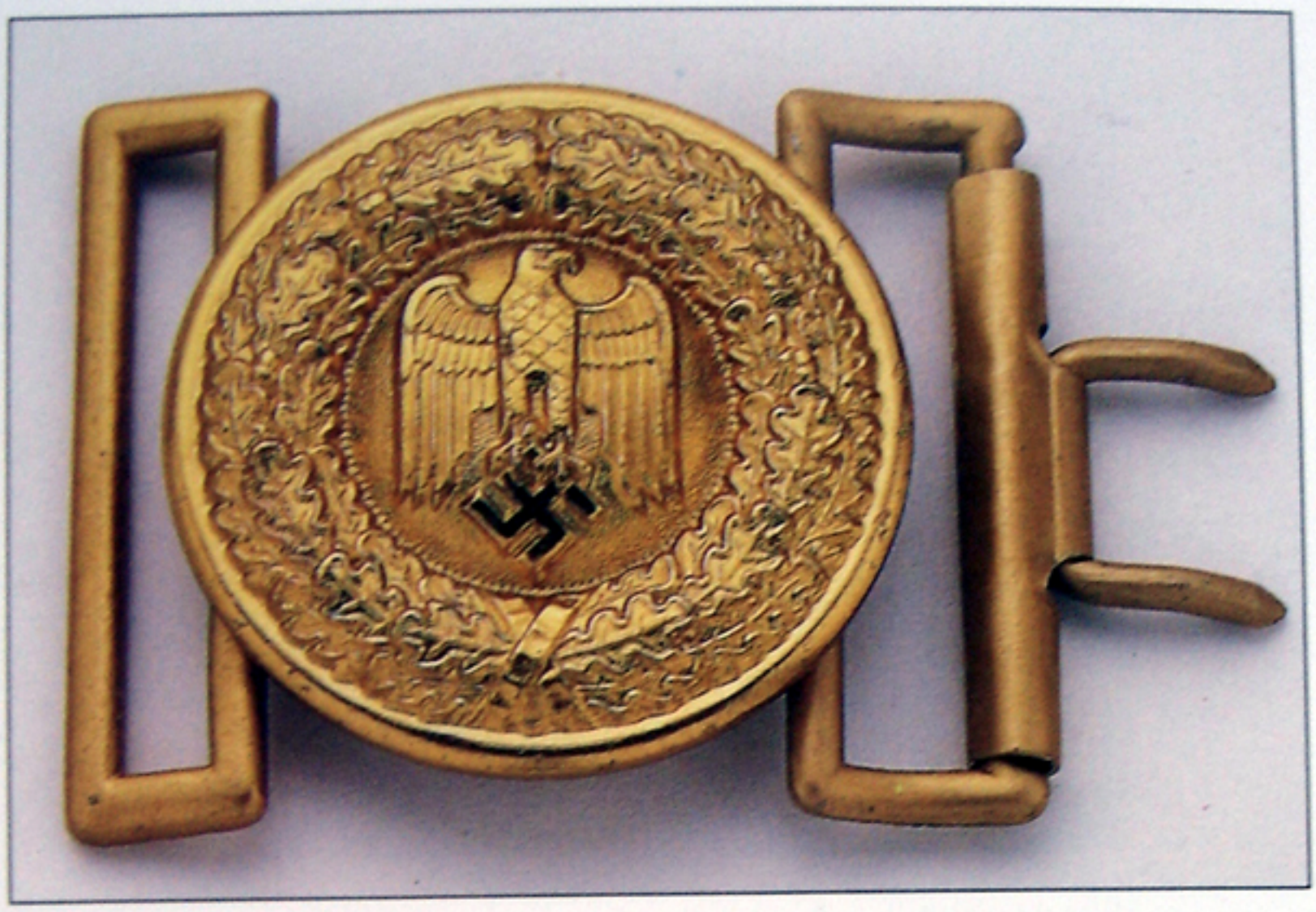
TROPICAL ARMY OFFICER BUCKLE, 1940, 2" x 2"
Green color, aluminum buckle, unmarked.

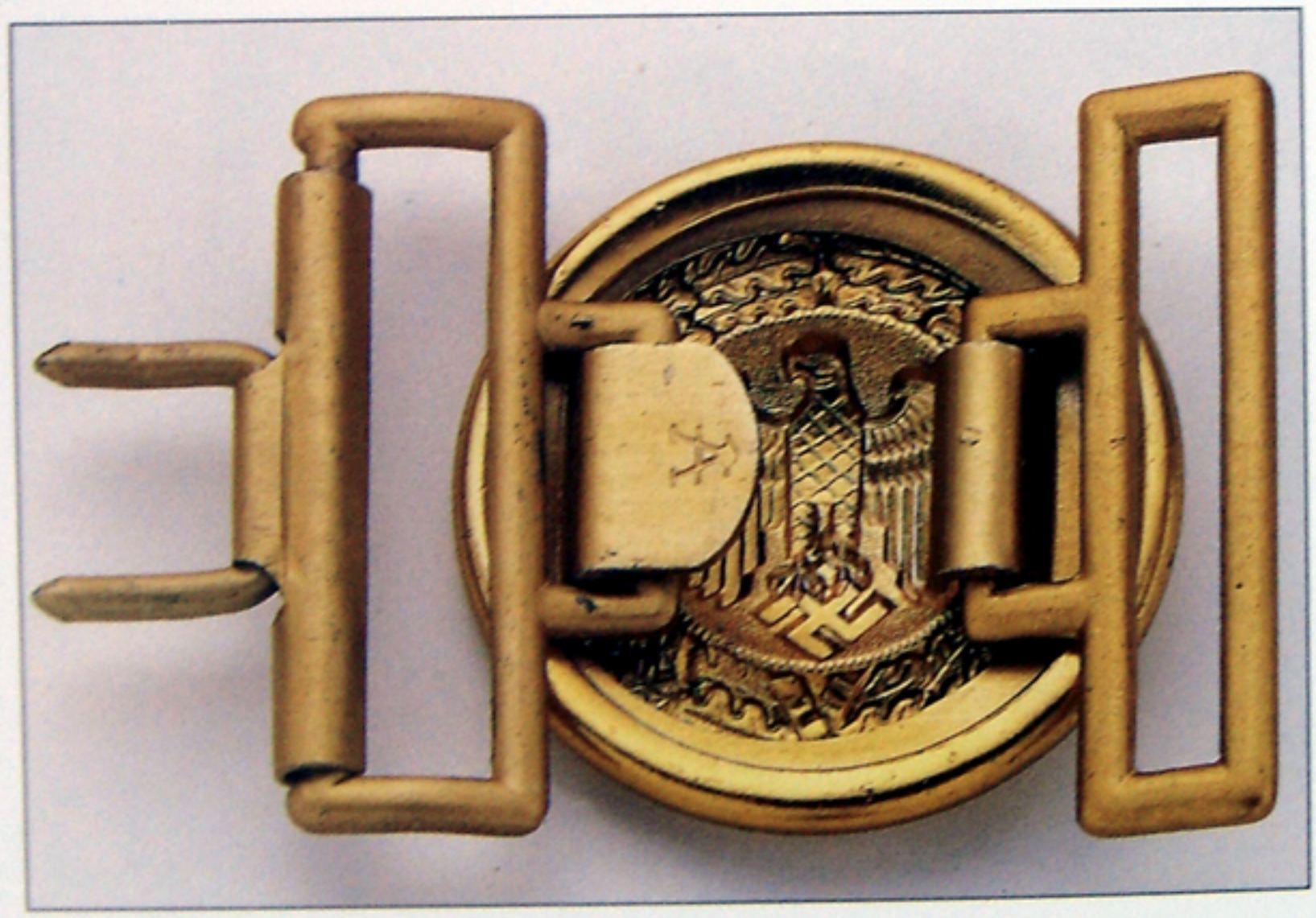
Price: $350.00



ARMY GENERAL'S OFFICER BUCKLE, TYPE 2, 1937, 2" x 2"
Bright gold, aluminum, hallmarked with both keepers. Type 1 Buckle is a dull gold. See Author's Request.

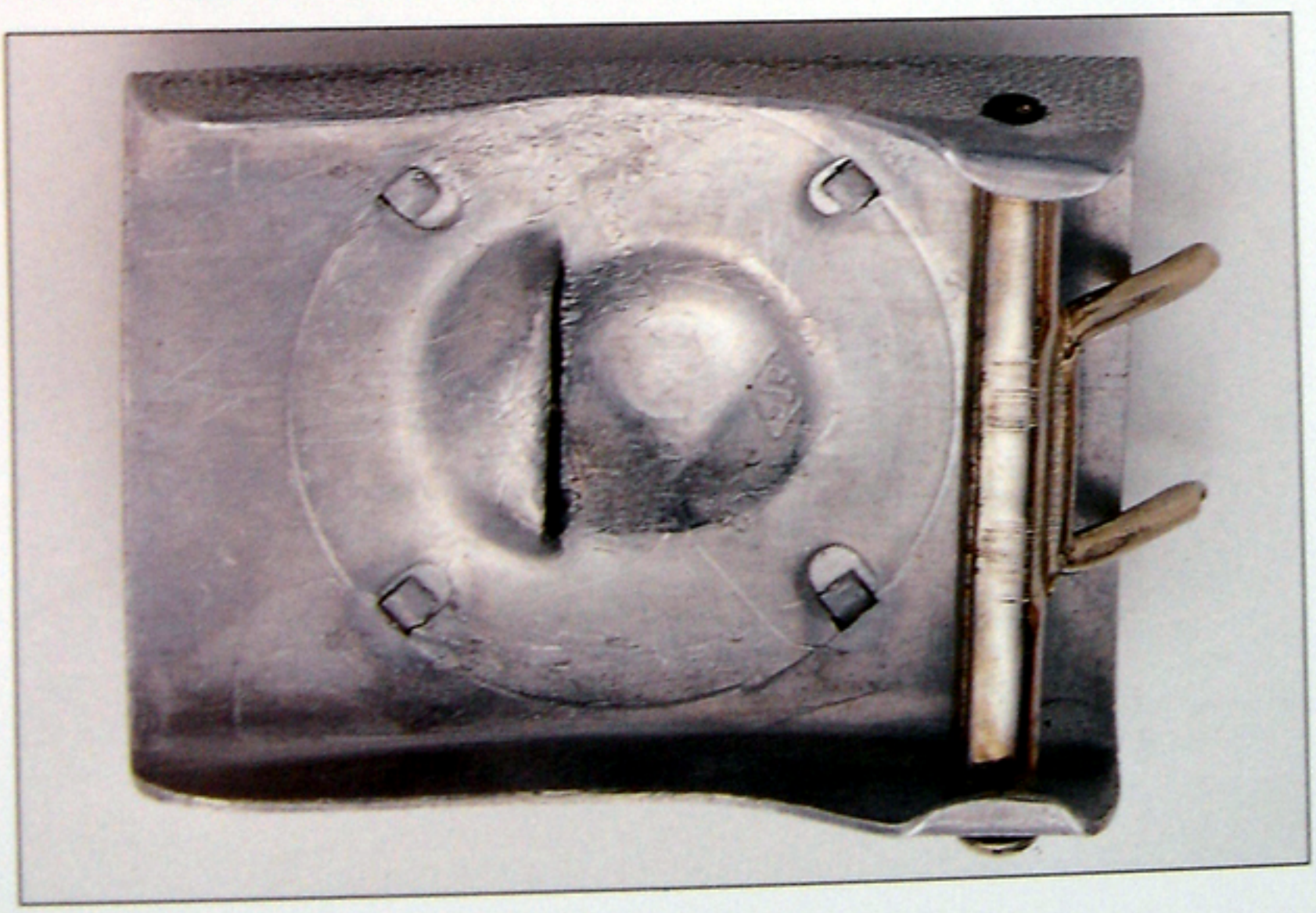
Price: $800.00





ENLISTED DRESS BUCKLE, 1937, 1 3/8" x 1 13/16"
Bright aluminum, pebbled buckle with face plate attached by 4 prongs. Eagle with folded wings clutching the Swastika and surrounded by oak leaf wreath on a pebbled field. Some enlisted buckles have the Eagle facing the viewer's left. These buckles were only produced in 1936 and then discontinued. Hallmarked but enlisted buckles do come not marked. All have the motto "God with Us".

Price: $100.00

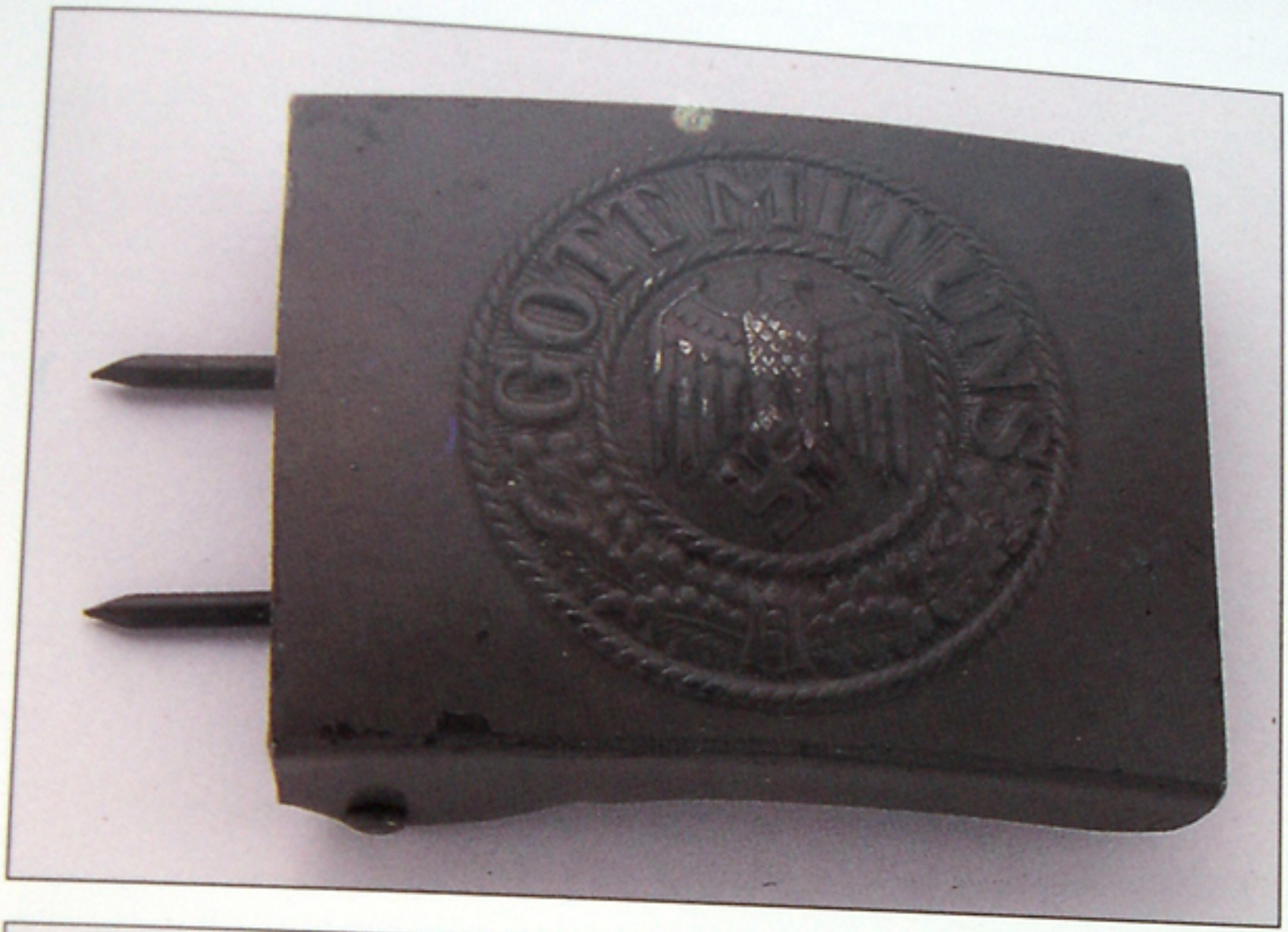


ENLISTED SILVER BUCKLE, 1939, 1 3/8" x 1 13/16"
Silver painted, plain field, steel buckle, not marked.

Price: $100.00

FIELD GRAY ENLISTED BUCKLE, 1940, 2 1/2" x 1 7/8"
Gray green steel, plain field buckle. Hallmarked M SS 40. (40 designates year of production 1940.)

Price: $100.00



TROPICAL BUCKLE WITH WEB TAB, 1940, 2 1/2" x 1 7/8"
Green painted plain field, steel buckle, hallmarked with web tab.

Price: $250.00

ENLISTED BUCKLE WITH LEATHER TAB, 1940, 2 1/2" x 1 7/8"
Field gray painted, pebbled aluminum field buckle, unmarked but attached to leather tab with maker's name and dated 1940.

Price: $150.00
Hard to find with the majority of paint still on it.

ENLISTED TAN COLOR BUCKLE, 1940, 2 1/2" x 1 7/8"
Sand yellow plain field, unmarked steel buckle. These buckles were most often used in association with Afrika Korps and in Italy. Color does come in a darker tan, unknown whether this buckle was factory or field painted.

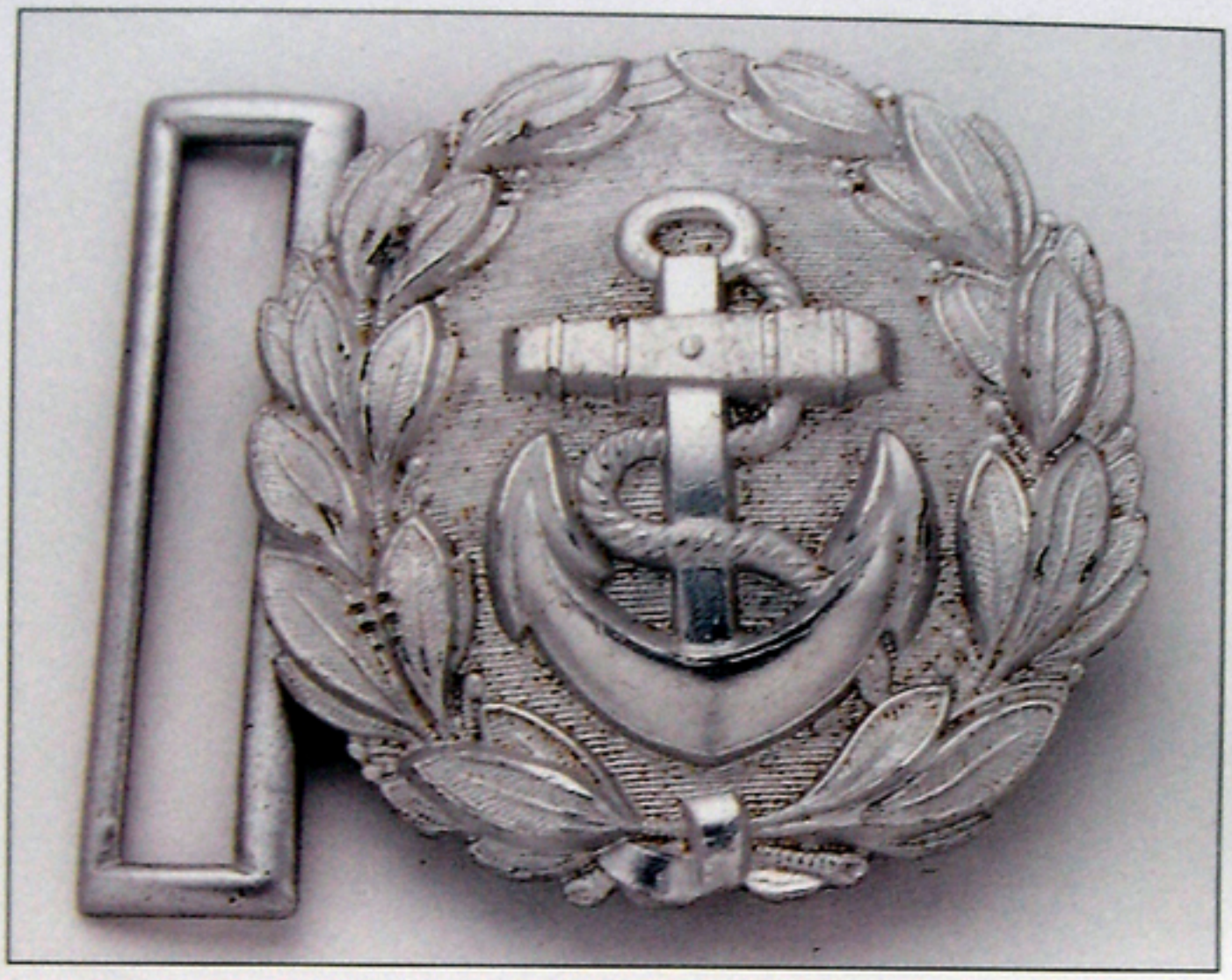
Price: $300.00
Very rare to find in this color.

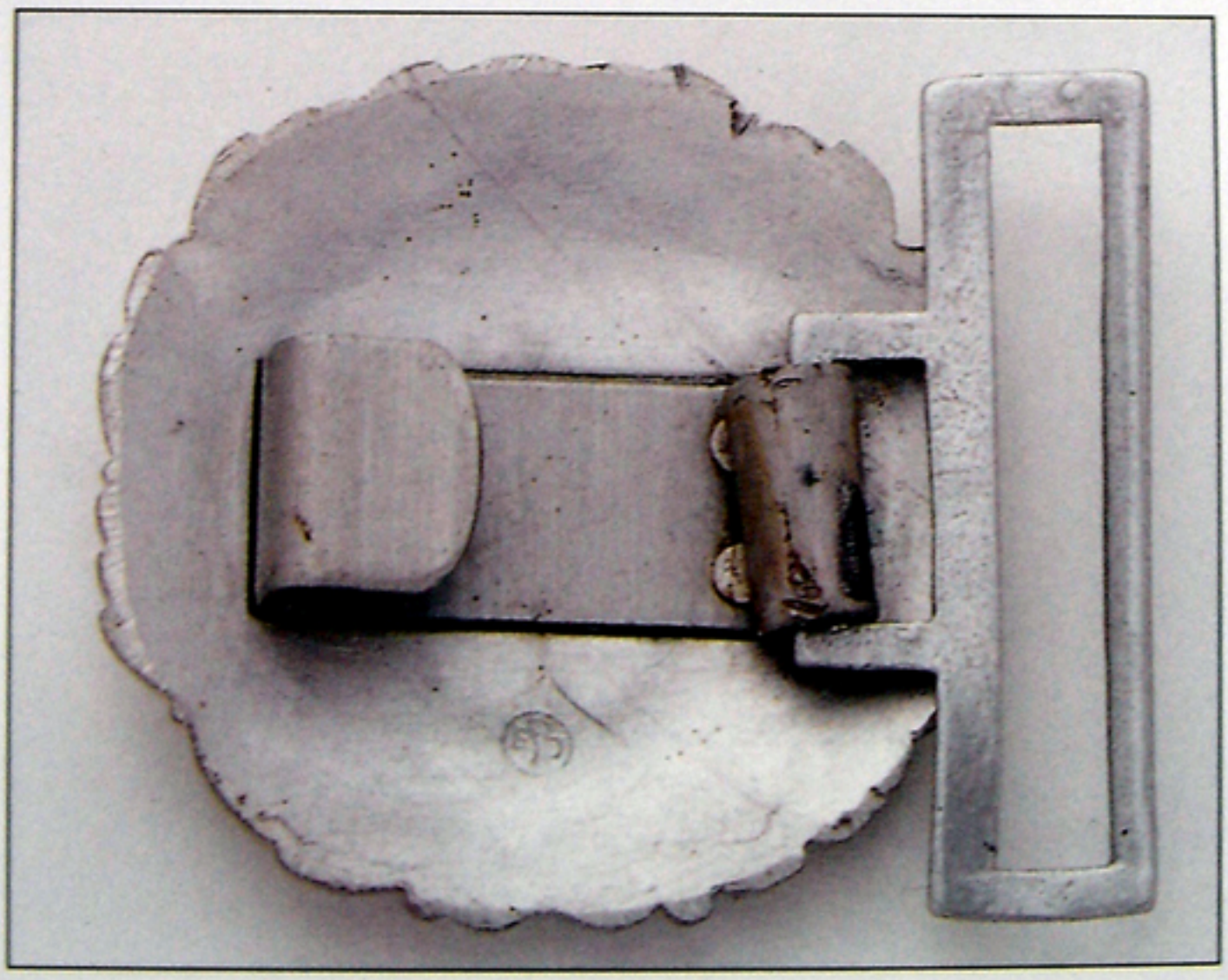
ENLISTED GREEN BUCKLE, 1940, 2 1/2" x 1 7/8"
Plain field steel, green color buckle, hallmarked. Detached leather tab has same company name and dated 1940.

Price: $150.00

NAVY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER ALUMINUM BUCKLE, 1921, 2 3/8" x 2 3/8" Bright aluminum with company logo, hallmarked. This buckle was worn by naval administration officers. The Navy retained the same Officer Buckle and Dagger Belt Buckles from 1921.

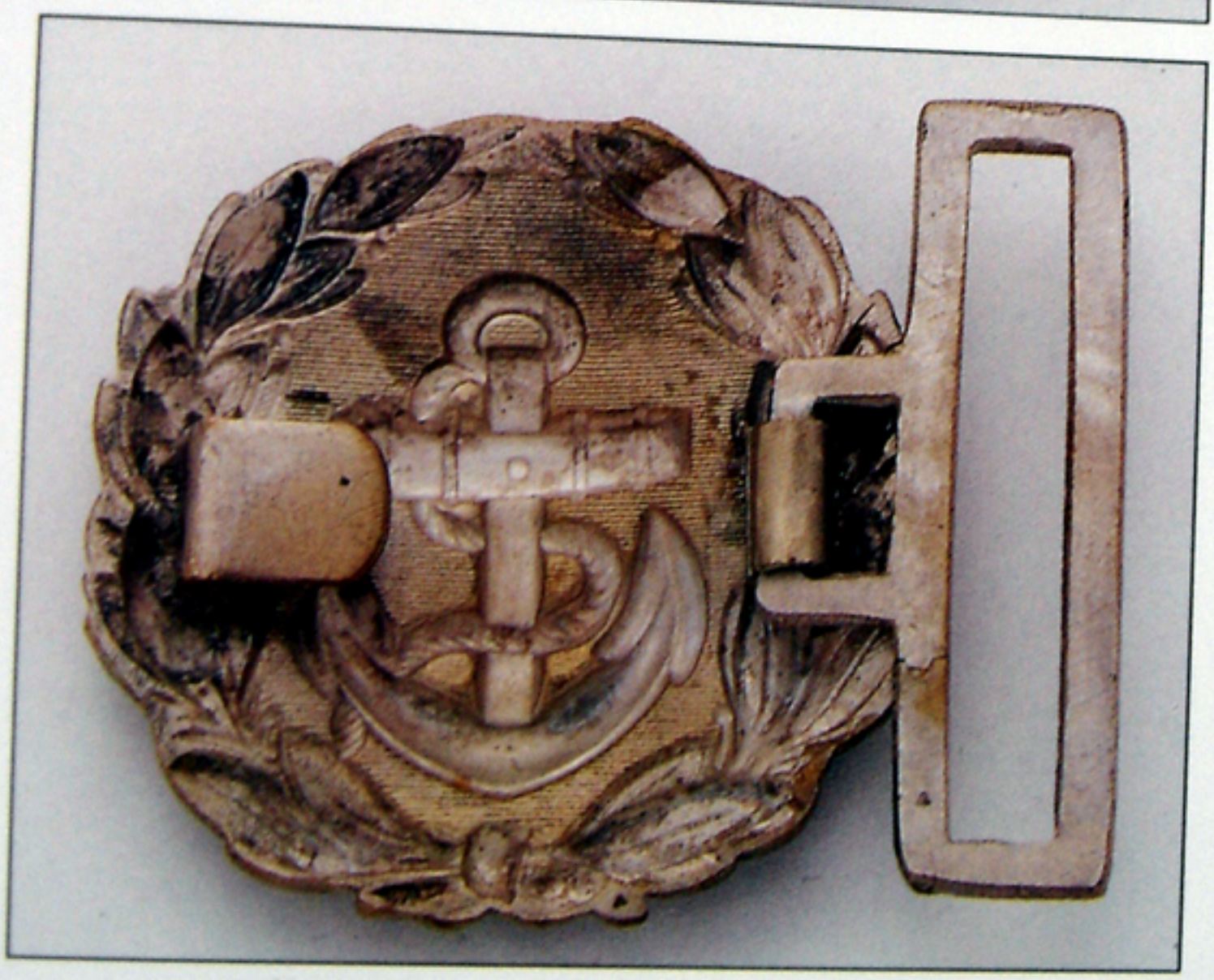
Price: $100.00





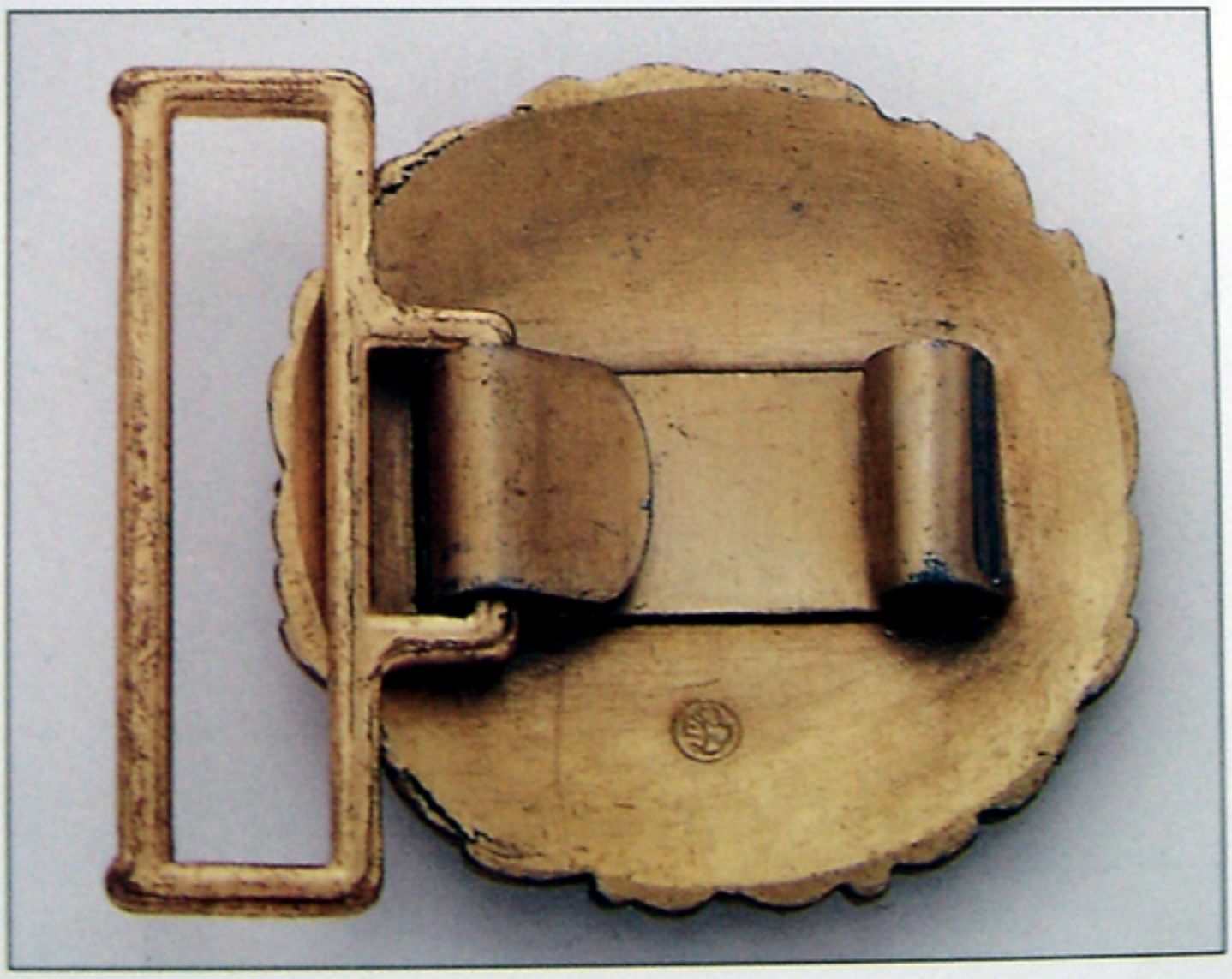
OFFICER ADMINISTRATIVE SILVERED BRASS BUCKLE, 1934, 2 1/4" x 2 1/4"
Silver plated brass, unmarked worn by Naval officers.

Price: $100.00



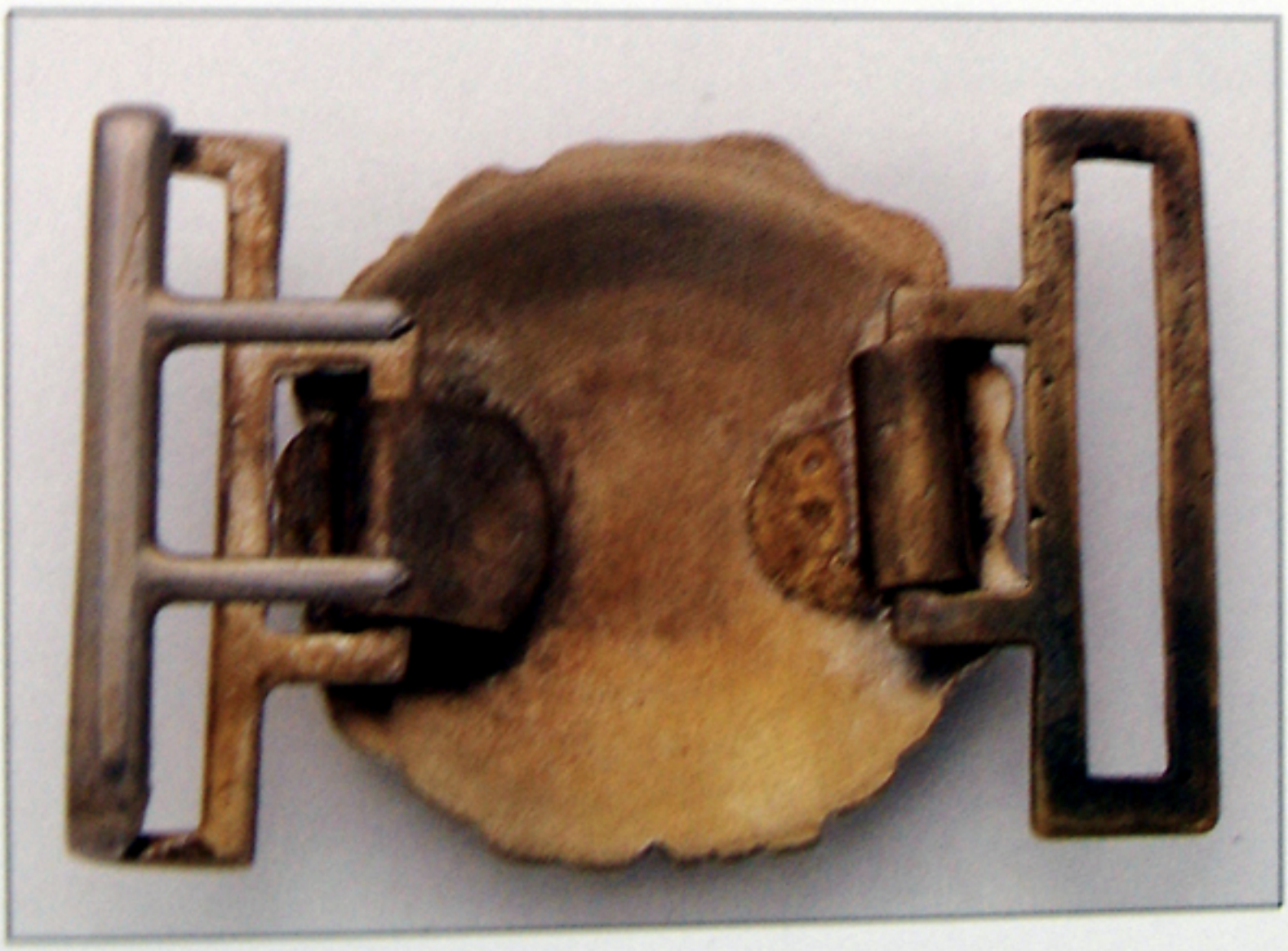
OFFICER GOLD, 1921, 2 1/4" x 2 1/4"
Brass gilted buckle, hallmarked with company logo, worn by Line officers including Admirals in the Navy.

Price:$150.00
Hard to find with both keepers.



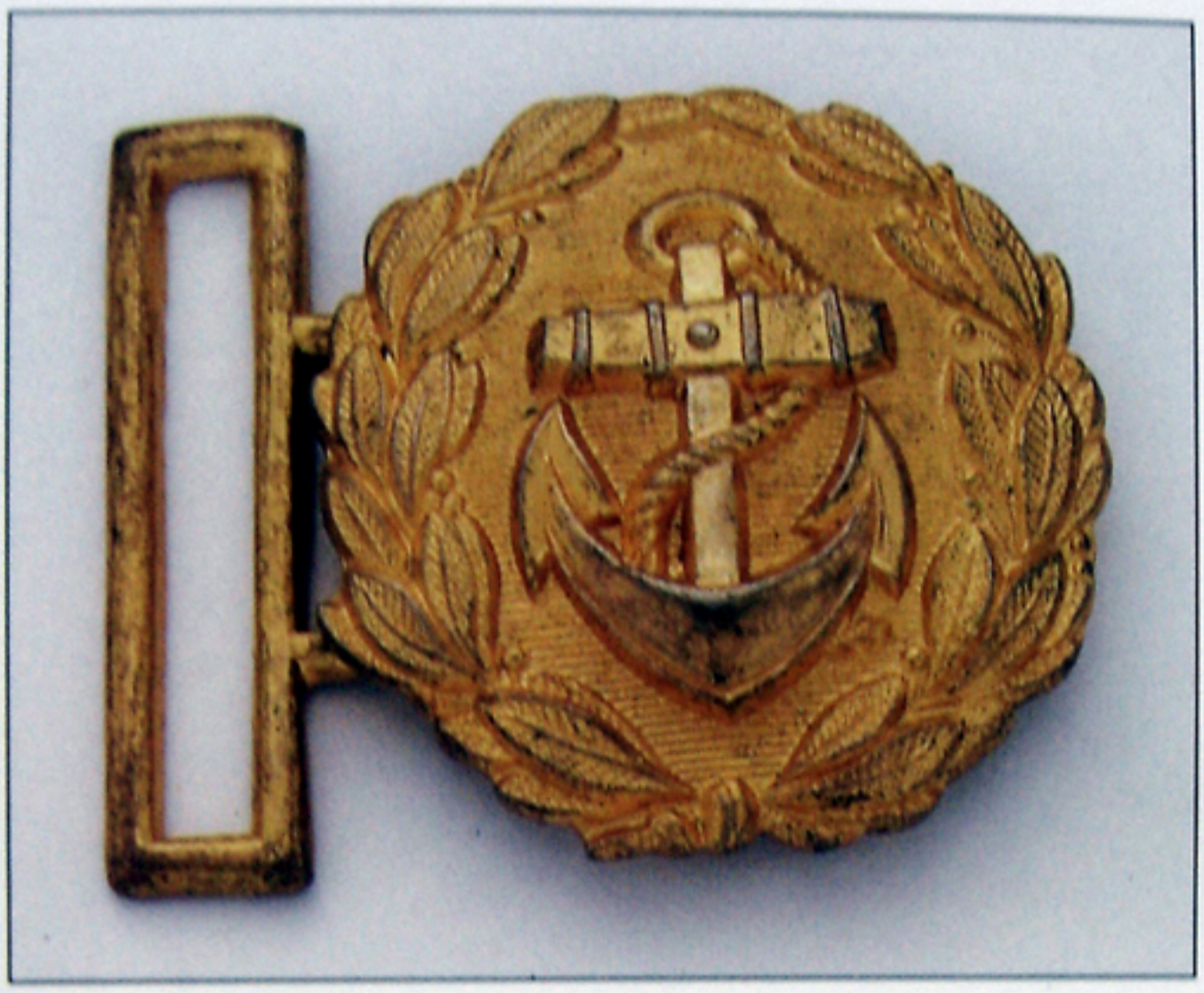
OFFICER ADMINISTRATIVE SILVER DAGGER BUCKLE, 1921, 1 5/8" x 1 5/8"
Silver plated brass with both keepers, unmarked, worn by Naval officers.

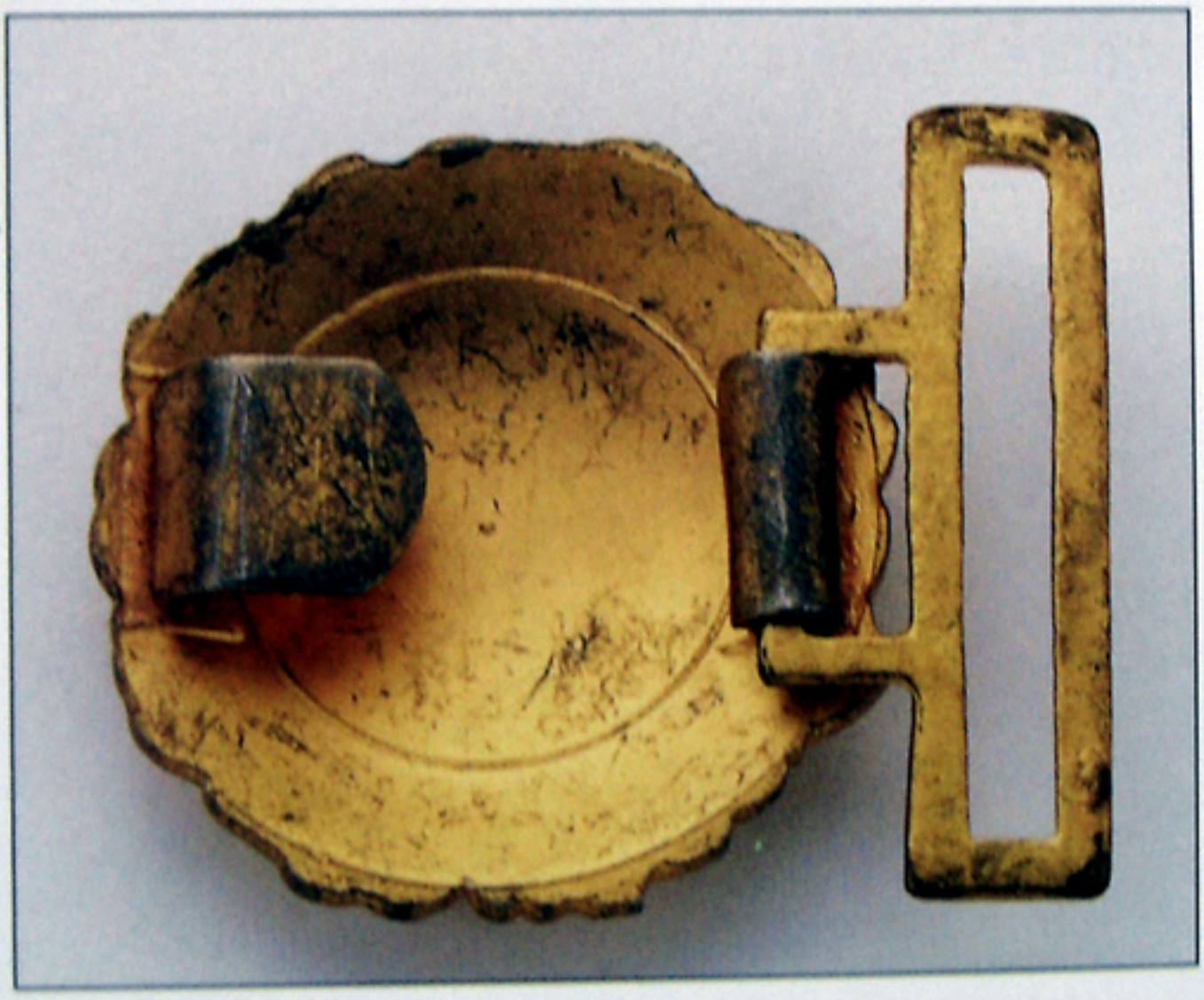
Price: $150.00
Hard to find with both keepers.



OFFICER GOLD DAGGER BUCKLE, 1921, 1 5/8" x 1 5/8"
Gilted brass buckle, unmarked, worn by Line officers.

Price: $150.00
Hard to find.





DARK BLUE BUCKLE, 1937, 2 1/2" x 1 7/8"
Dark blue steel buckle, hallmarked RODO, used by Coastal Artillery Units and combat Naval personnel including Marines. It has been reported that there are dark green buckles dated 1942 with the Marine Proof Stamp of M on the tab. Author has not seen one of these buckles.

Price: $150.00
Pristine example.

GOLD DRESS BUCKLE WITH TAB, 1935, 2 1/2" x 1 7/8"
Gold painted, plain field, aluminum buckle, hallmarked RS and S. Detached leather tab with company name and 1938 date. Reverse side of tab has the symbol M with Eagle and Swastika. All Enlisted Navy gold buckles must have this stamp on the tab.

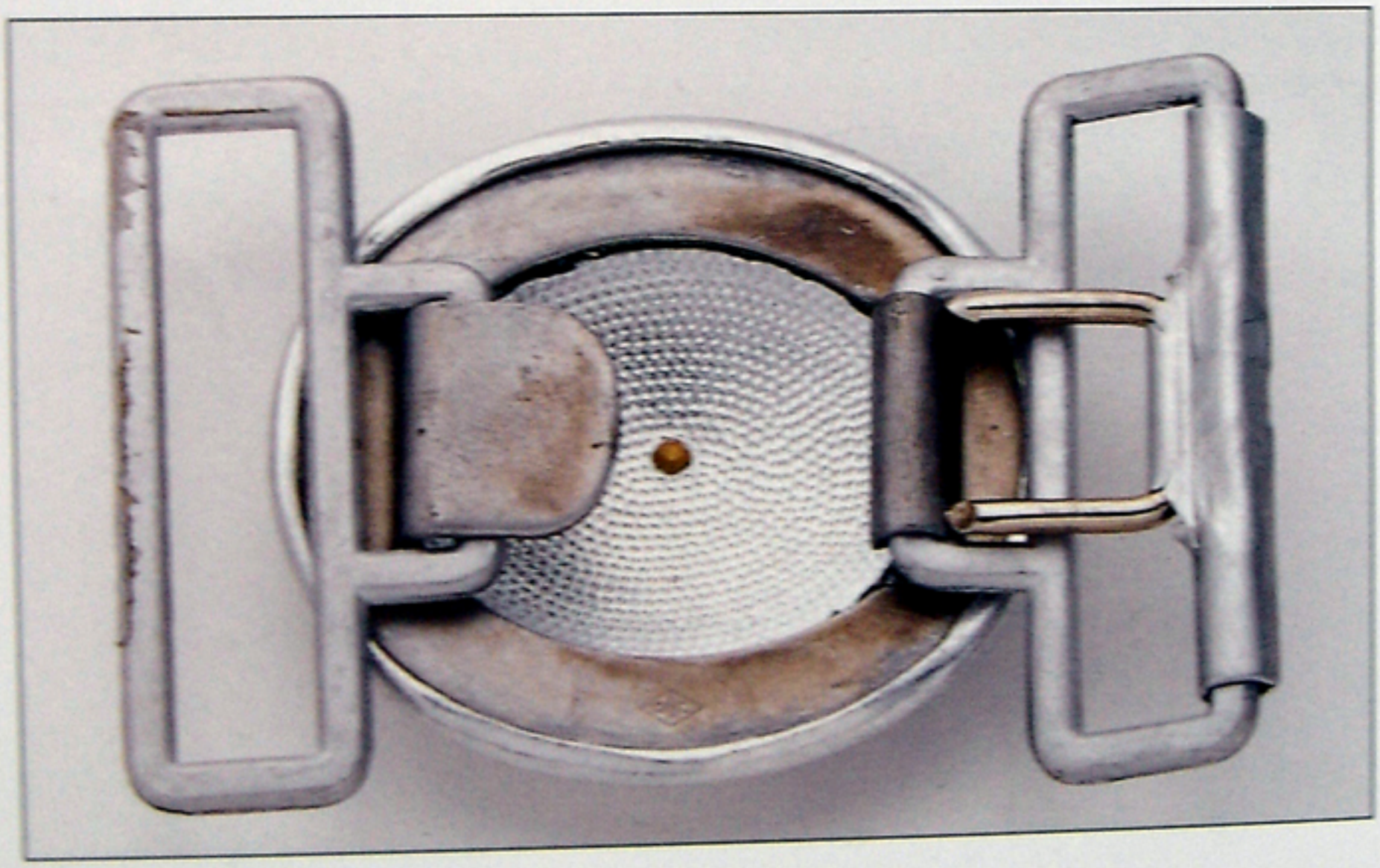
Price: $350.00.
Rare buckle in excellent condition with tab.

GOLD STEEL DRESS BUCKLE, 1935, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Gilted gold steel, one piece stamped with crank catch, hallmarked with 1942 date.

Price: $450.00
Very rare buckle in unissued condition.

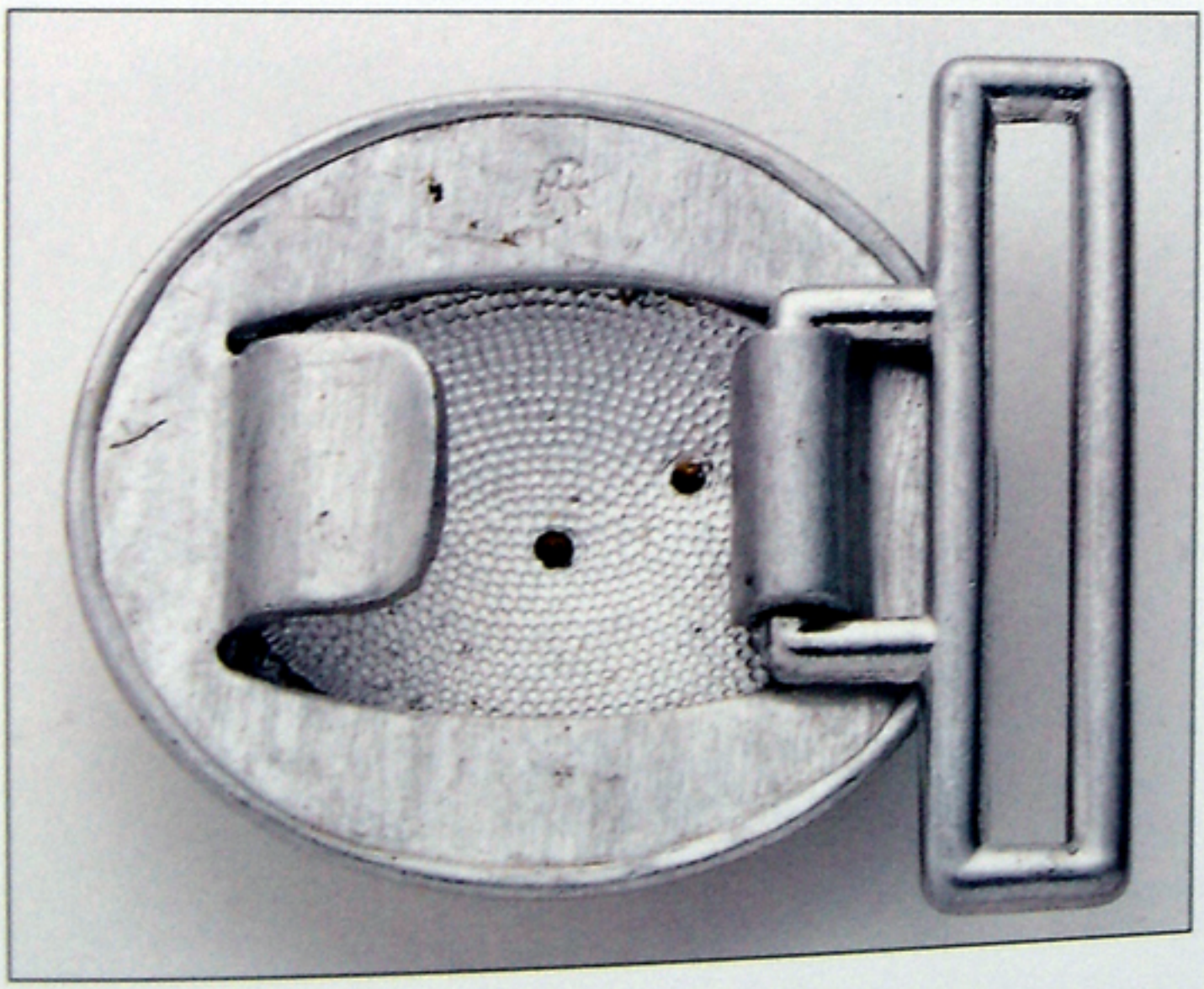
AIR FORCE OFFICER SILVER TAIL DOWN TYPE 1 1935, 2 1/4" x 2"
Bright silvered aluminum, pebbled field with gold Eagle attached by a single rivet surrounded by oak leaf wreath, worn by company and field grade officers.

Price: $200.00



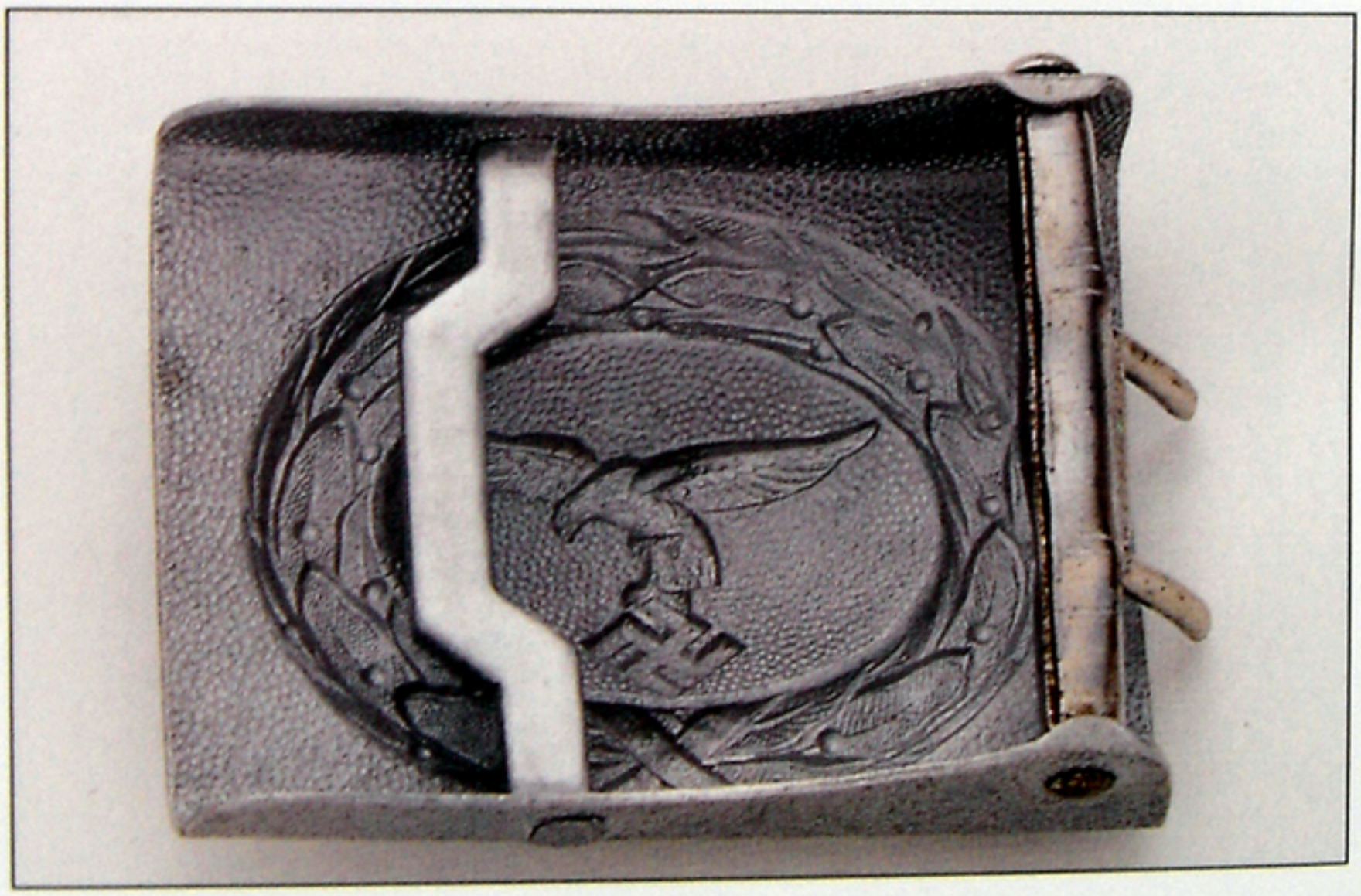
AIR FORCE OFFICER SILVER TAIL UP, TYPE 2, 1938, 2 1/4" x 2"
Bright silvered aluminum, pebbled field with brass Eagle flared (tail up), attached by 3 rivets. Hallmarked by company logo, worn by company and field grade officers. There is a gold pebbled with silver Eagle buckle both Type 1 and Type 2. See Author's Request.

Price: $200.00



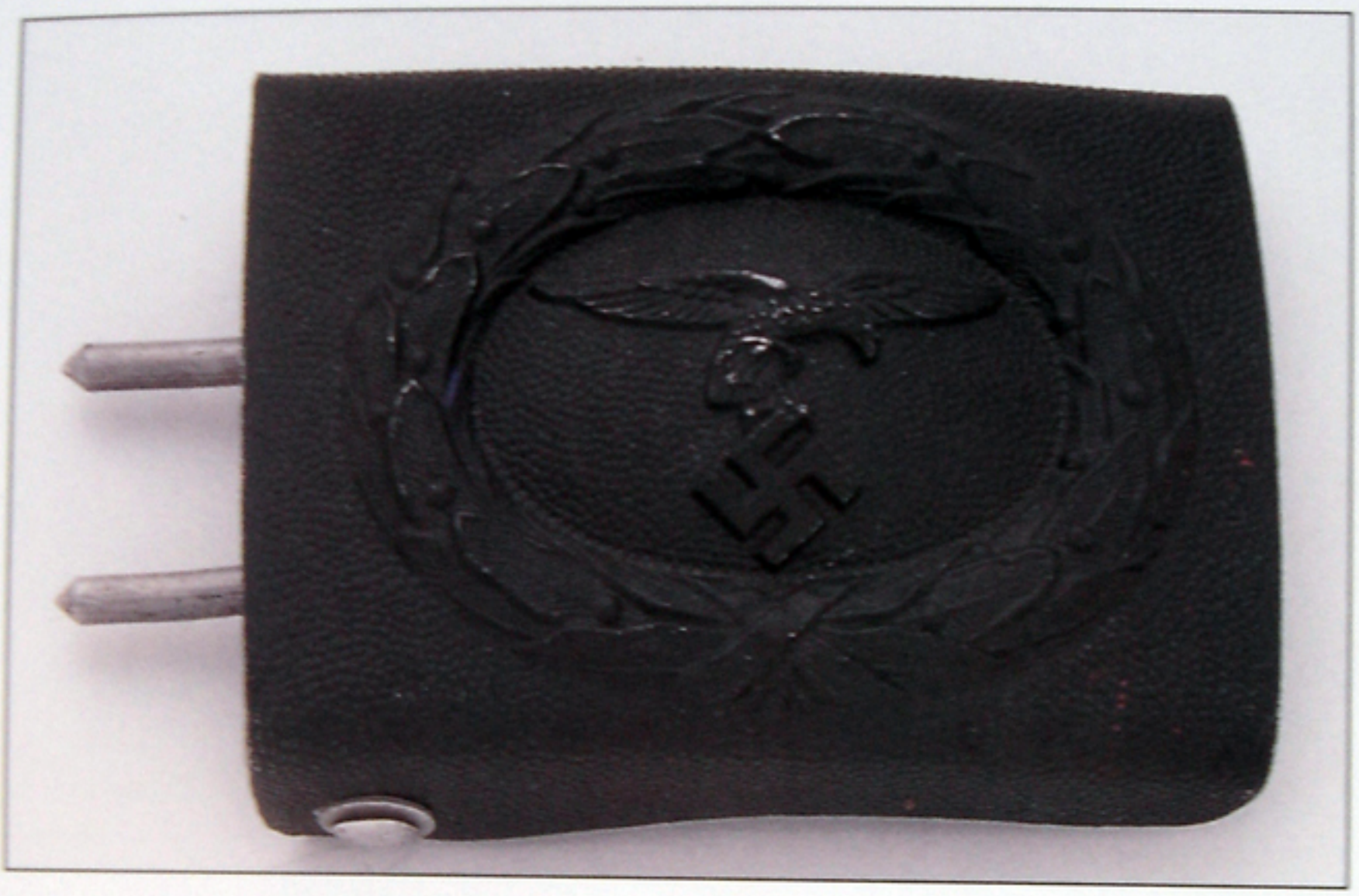
ENLISTED ALUMINUM TAIL DOWN, TYPE 1, 1935, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Silver gray aluminum buckle, pebbled field, surrounded by oak leaf wreath, has the rare crank catch, normally used by paratroopers.

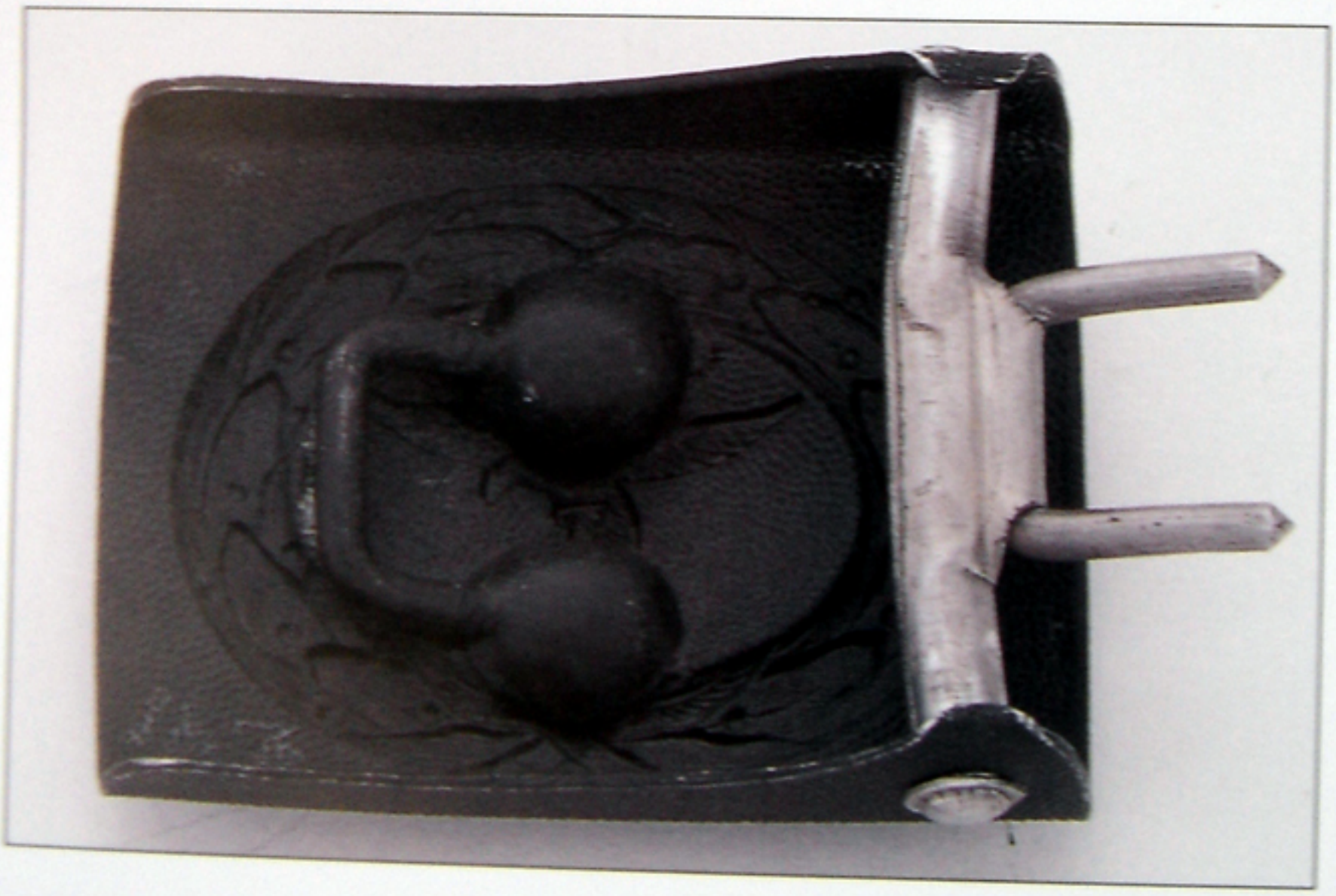
Price: $150.00



ENLISTED GREEN TAIL DOWN, TYPE 1, 1935, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Aluminum green colored, pebbled field buckle with very rare and special catch, not marked, near mint condition.

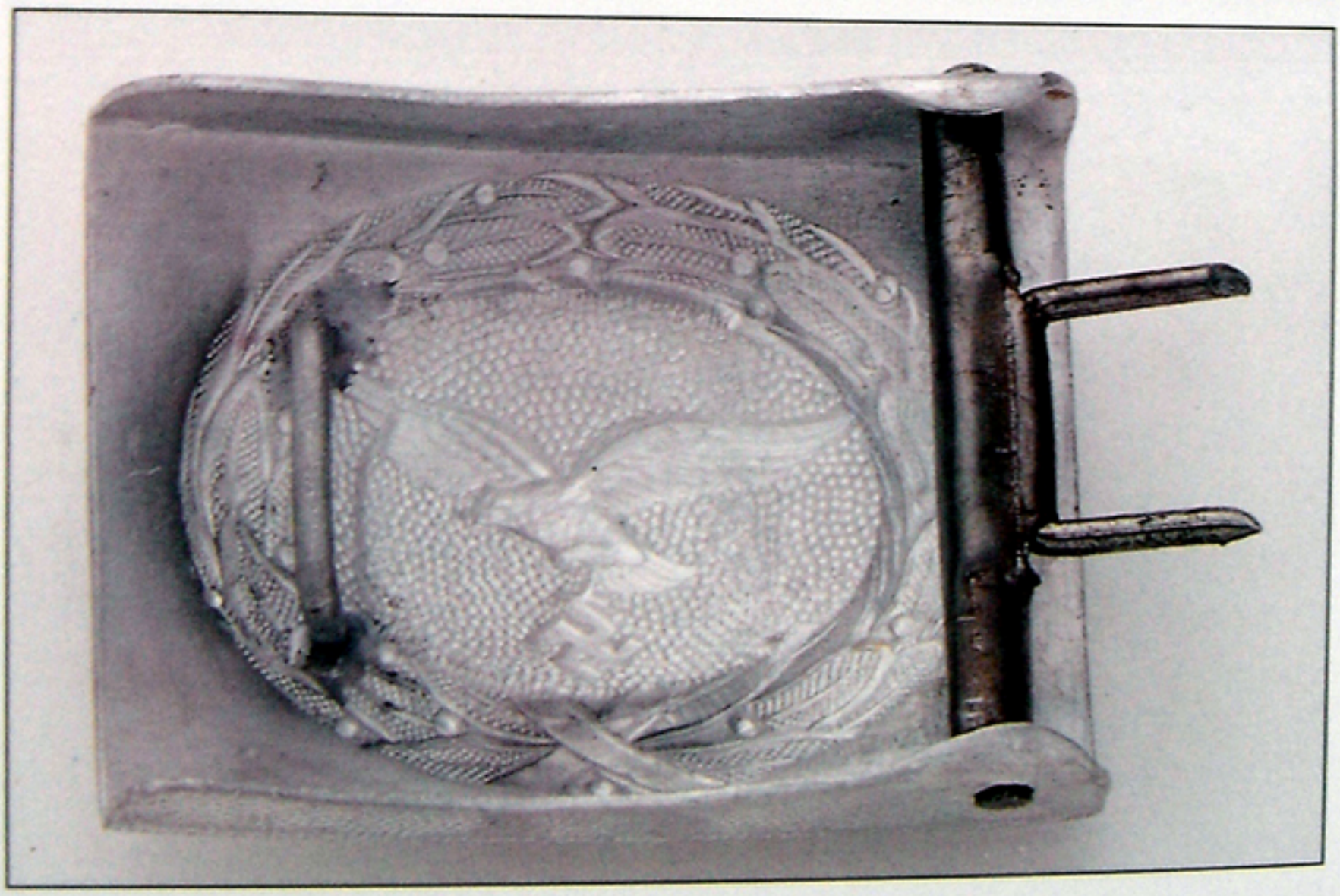
Price: $800.00
Very rare buckle.





ENLISTED DRESS ALUMINUM TAIL UP, TYPE 2, 1938, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Silver aluminum with pebbled field, unmarked, near mint condition.

Price: $150.00



ENLISTED GREEN STEEL, TYPE 2, 1940, 2 1/2" x 1 7/8"
Green steel with plain field around oak leaf wreath, pebbled in center, hallmarked and in near mint condition.

Price: $300.00
Rare buckle this color.

ENLISTED OLIVE DRAB WITH TAB TYPE 2, 1940, 2 1/2" x 1 7/8"
Olive drab steel buckle with plain field and oak leaf wreath, having green web tab attached. Hallmarked and dated 42.

Price: $350.00
Rare buckle with attached web tab.

ENLISTED BLUE WITH H.G. TAB, 1940, 2 1/2" x 1 7/8"
Blue steel buckle with center pebbled field. Tab is marked on one side LBA with company name in circle and 1941 date. LBA means Air Force clothing depot. Reverse side of tab is marked 1./Regt Gen Göring. This particular buckle and tab are very rare and was worn by Elite troops of the first regiment of the Herman Göring Division. Blue colored/blue black buckles were worn by Combat troops of the Air Force (Luftwaffe). Herman Göring was the commander of the Air Force.

Price: $500.00
Very rare tab with buckle.

ENLISTED BLUE UNISSUED WITH LEATHER TAB, 1940, 2 1/2" x 1 7/8"
Blue black steel buckle, pebbled center field surrounded by oak leaf wreath with tab. Buckle hallmarked under the prong with date of 42. Matching tab with company name and 1942 in circle.

Price: $275.00
Rare mint condition buckle with tab.

ENLISTED SAND TAN BUCKLE, 1940, 2 1/2" x 1 7/8"
Sand tan steel buckle, appears unissued, not hallmarked. Unknown whether factory painted or field painted.

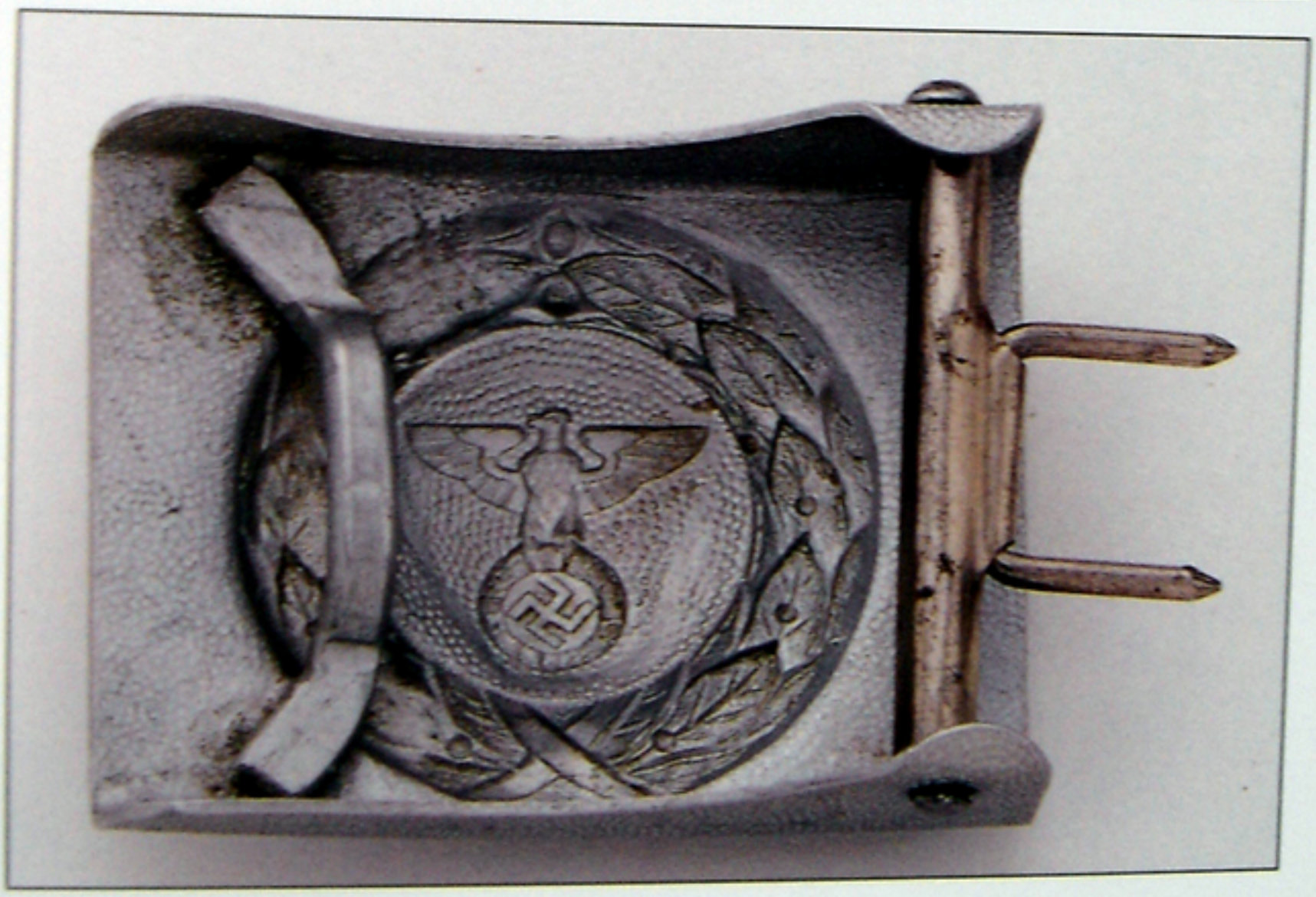
Price: $250.00
Rare color of buckle.

RLSV OFFICER BUCKLE, 1933-1935, 2" x 2"
Round silvered brass buckle with Swastika painted black. RLSV was the national Air Sport League. This organization was the foundation for the formation of the Luftwaffe.

Price: $1,000.00
Rare buckle.

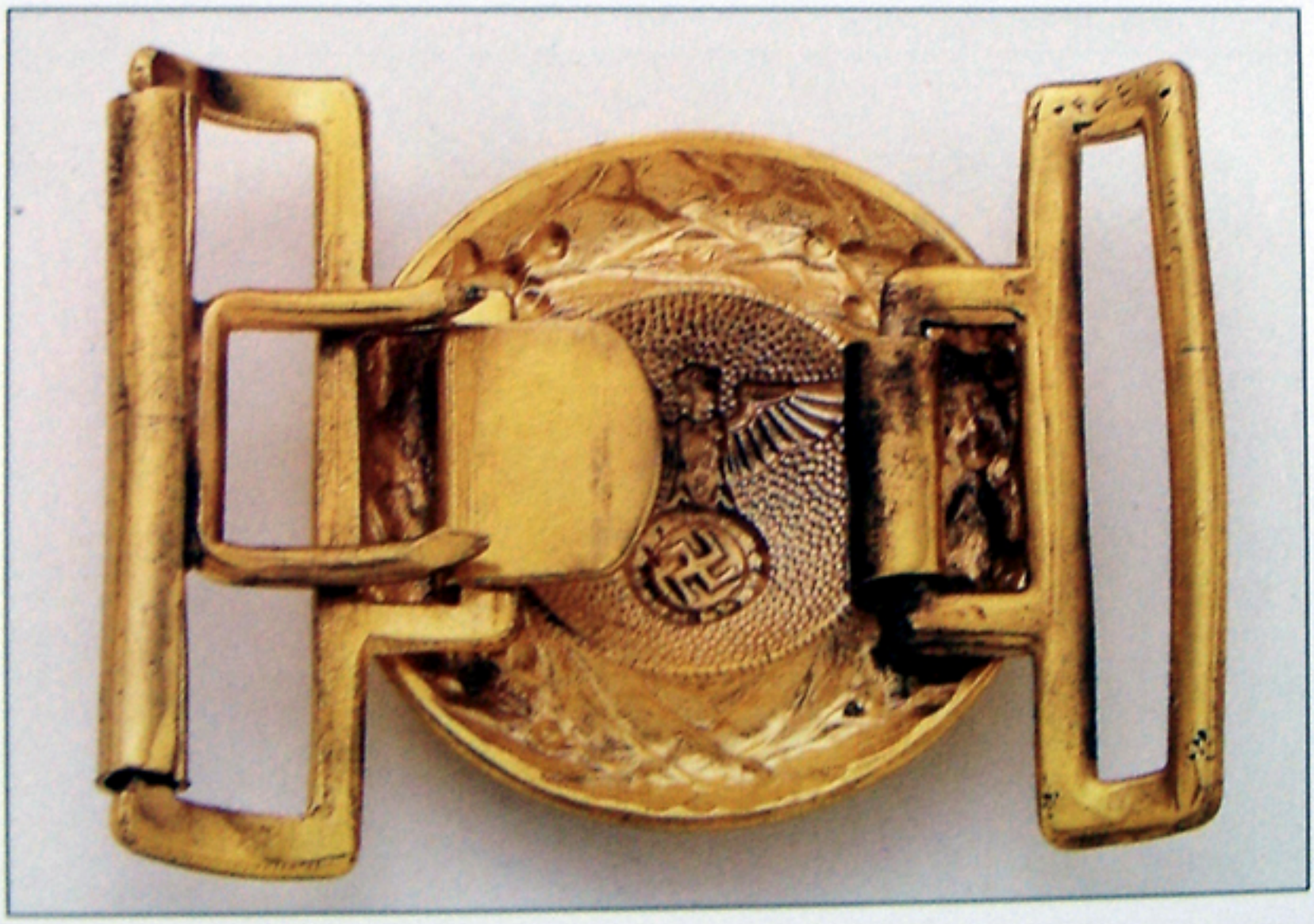
RLSV ENLISTED BUCKLE, 1933-1935, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Silvered aluminum pebbled field buckle with Swastika painted black. Some examples do not have the Swastika painted black.

Price: $250.00
Hard to find buckle.



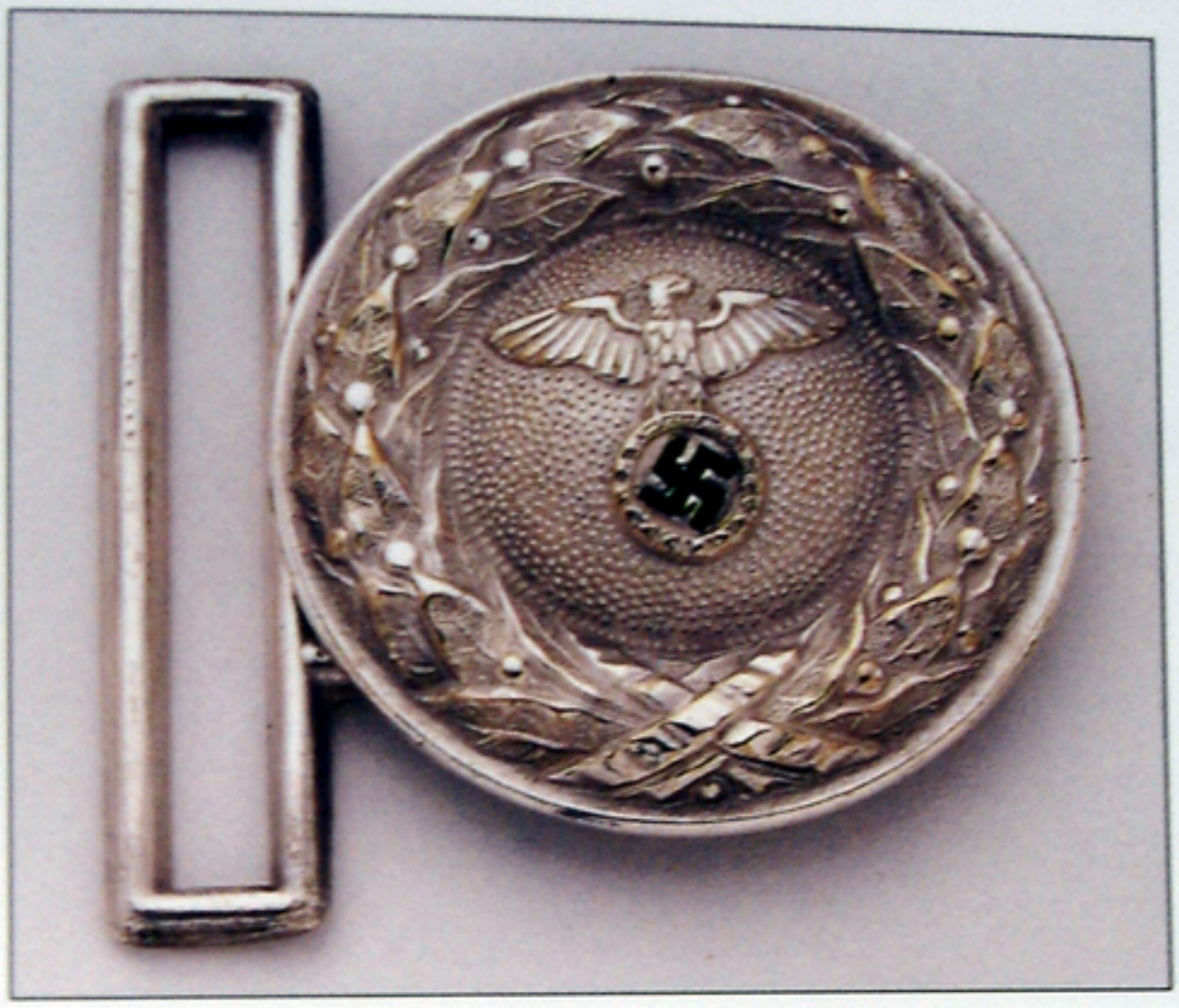
RLB GOLD OFFICER BUCKLE, TYPE 1, 1 7/8" x 1 7/8"
Generals dress gold plated buckle pebbled field surrounded by oak leafs.

Price: $1,000.00
Rare buckle.



RLB SILVER OFFICERS BUCKLE, TYPE 1, 1 7/8" x 1/7/8"
Silvered brass buckle, unmarked with black painted Swastika.

Price: $1,000.00
Rare buckle.



RLB ENLISTED, TYPE 1, 1933, 2 7/8" x 1 13/16"
Silver pebbled aluminum buckle Eagle surrounded with oak leaf wreath, black painted Swastika, unmarked. The RLB was the National Air Protection League.

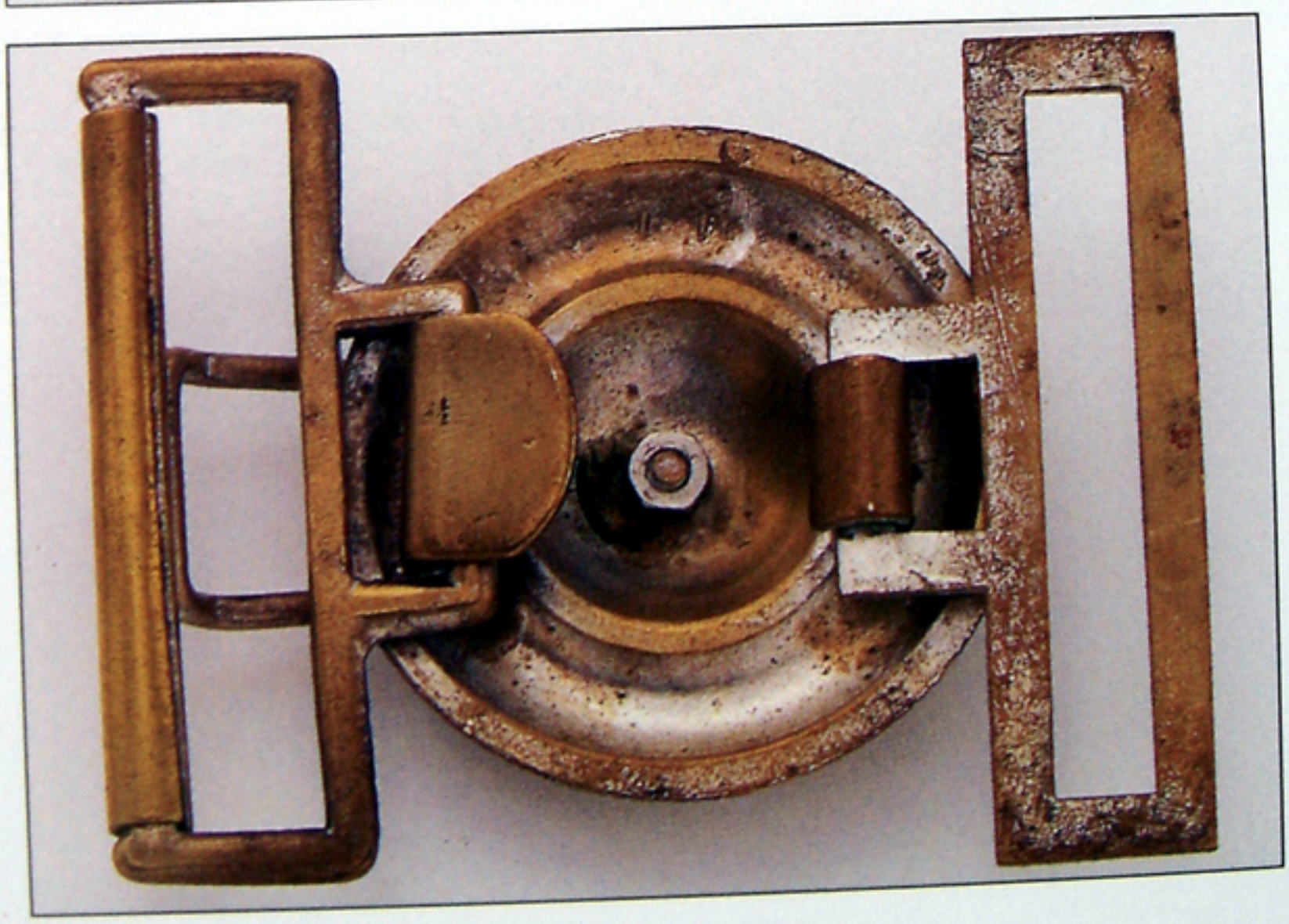
Price: $200.00

RLB ENLISTED GOLD, TYPE 1, 1933, 2 7/8" x 1 13/16"
Gold pebbled aluminum buckle with black painted Swastika, unmarked.

Price: $225.00
Very rare in gold color.

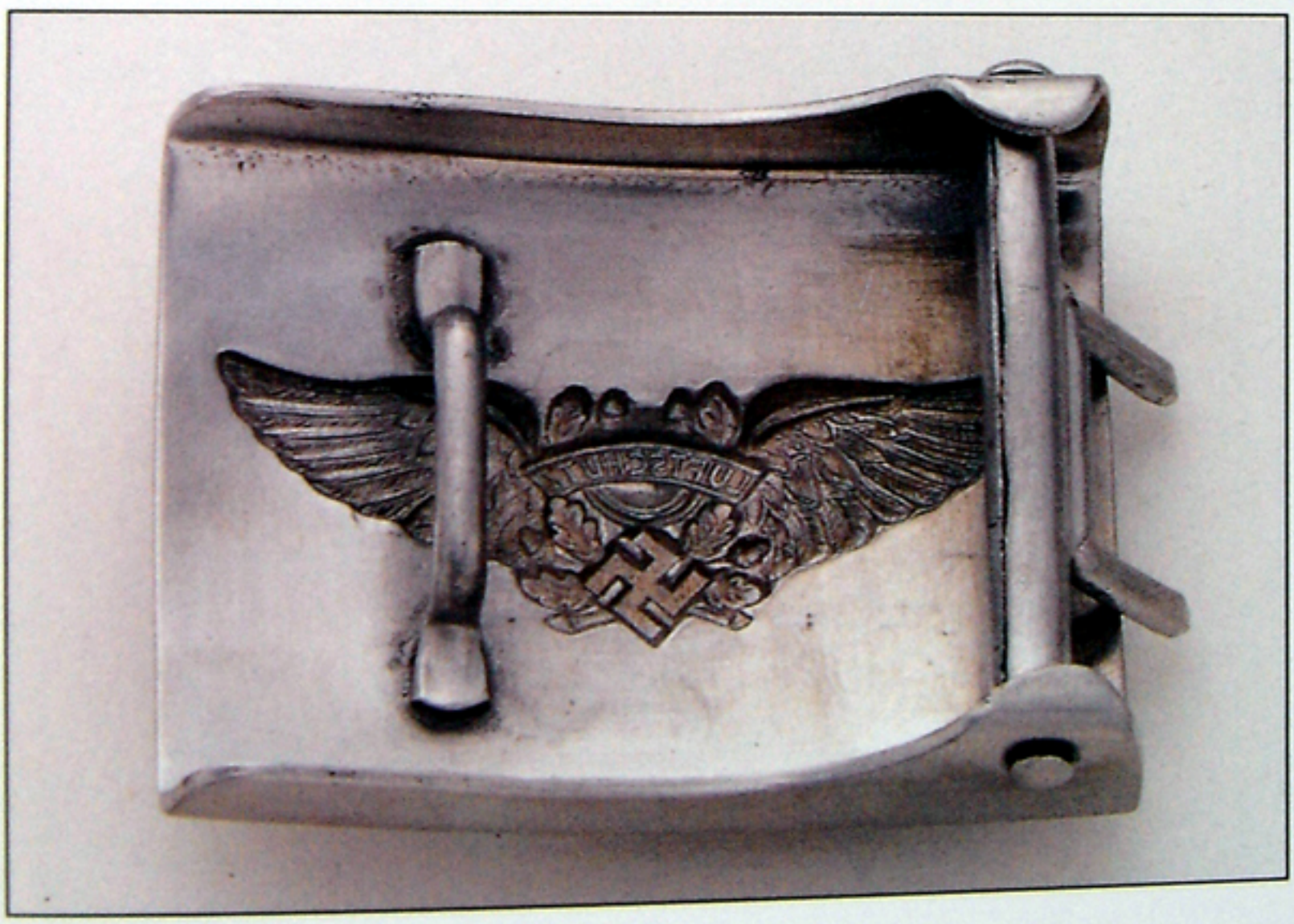
RLB OFFICER, TYPE 2, 1937, 2" x 2"
Silvered brass buckle with RLB and Swastika in blue on a starburst background, unmarked.

Price: $1,000.00
Rare buckle with both keepers.



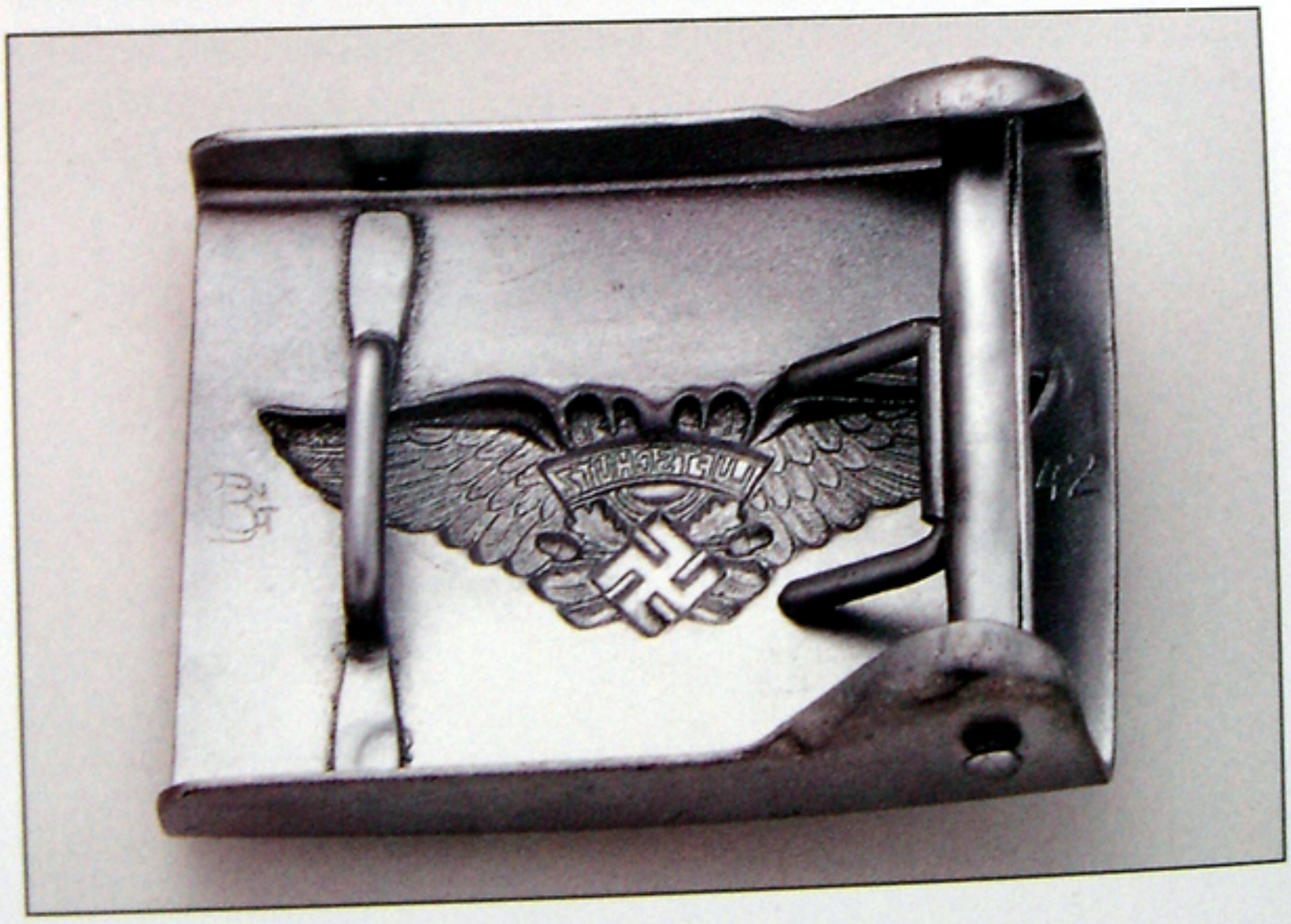
RLB ENLISTED LUFTSCHUTZ, TYPE 2, 1940, 2 7/16" x 1 7/8"
Aluminum buckle with flying wing on plain field. Word Luftschutz above the Swastika, unmarked. This buckle comes in various shades of silver gray to blue. Please note that this buckle was also worn by the Canal and Waterway officials.

Price: $300.00



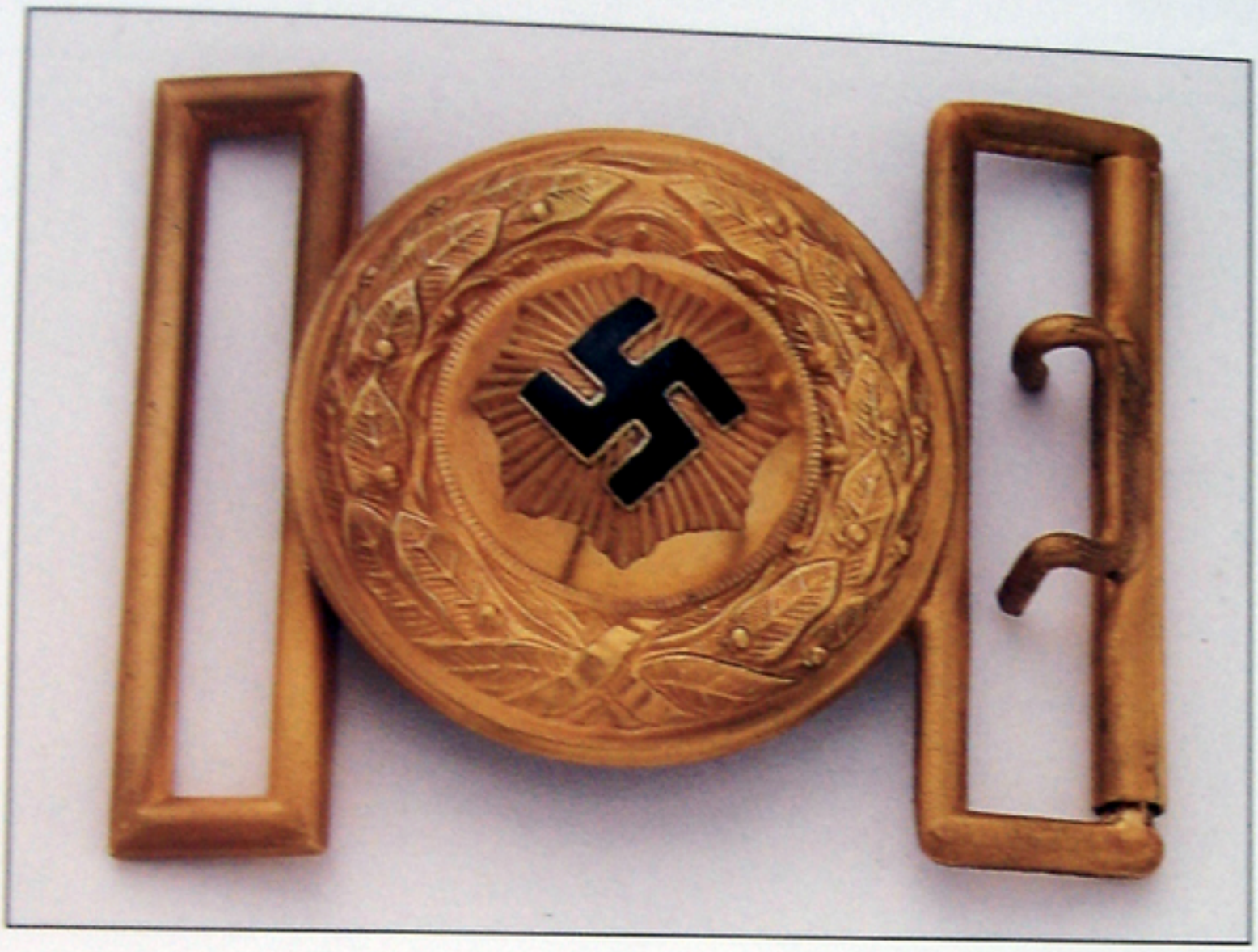
RLB ENLISTED, LUFTSCHUTZ, TYPE 2, 1940, 2 7/16" x 1 7/8"
Silvered steel buckle, hallmarked with logo and date 42 visible under the prong bar.

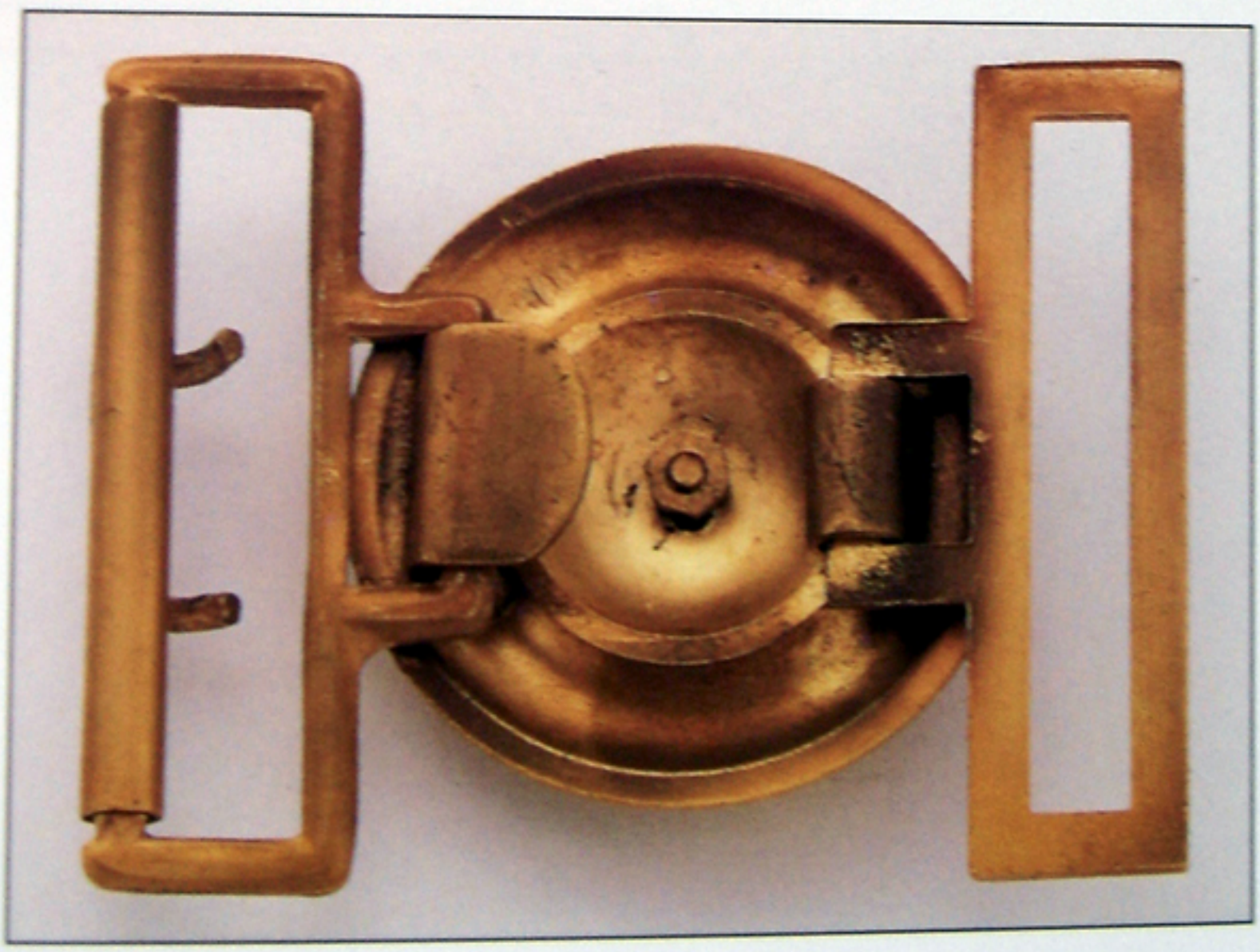
Price: $350.00



RLB OFFICER GOLD, TYPE 3, 1937, 2" x 2"
Gold plated brass generals buckle with black enameled Swastika, starburst surrounded by oak leaf wreath. Faceplate attached by a nut, unmarked.

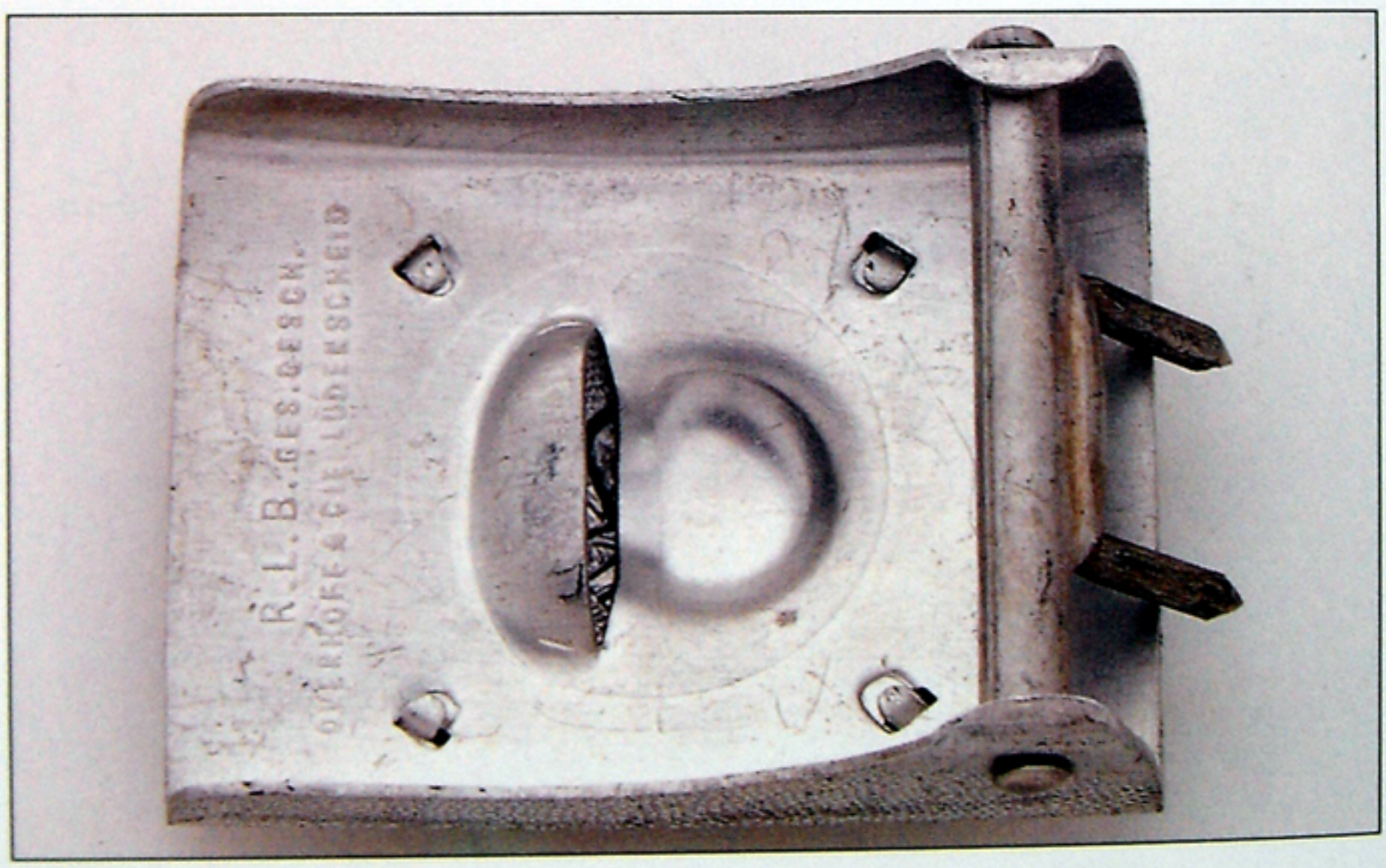
Price: $1,500.00
Rare generals buckle with both keepers.





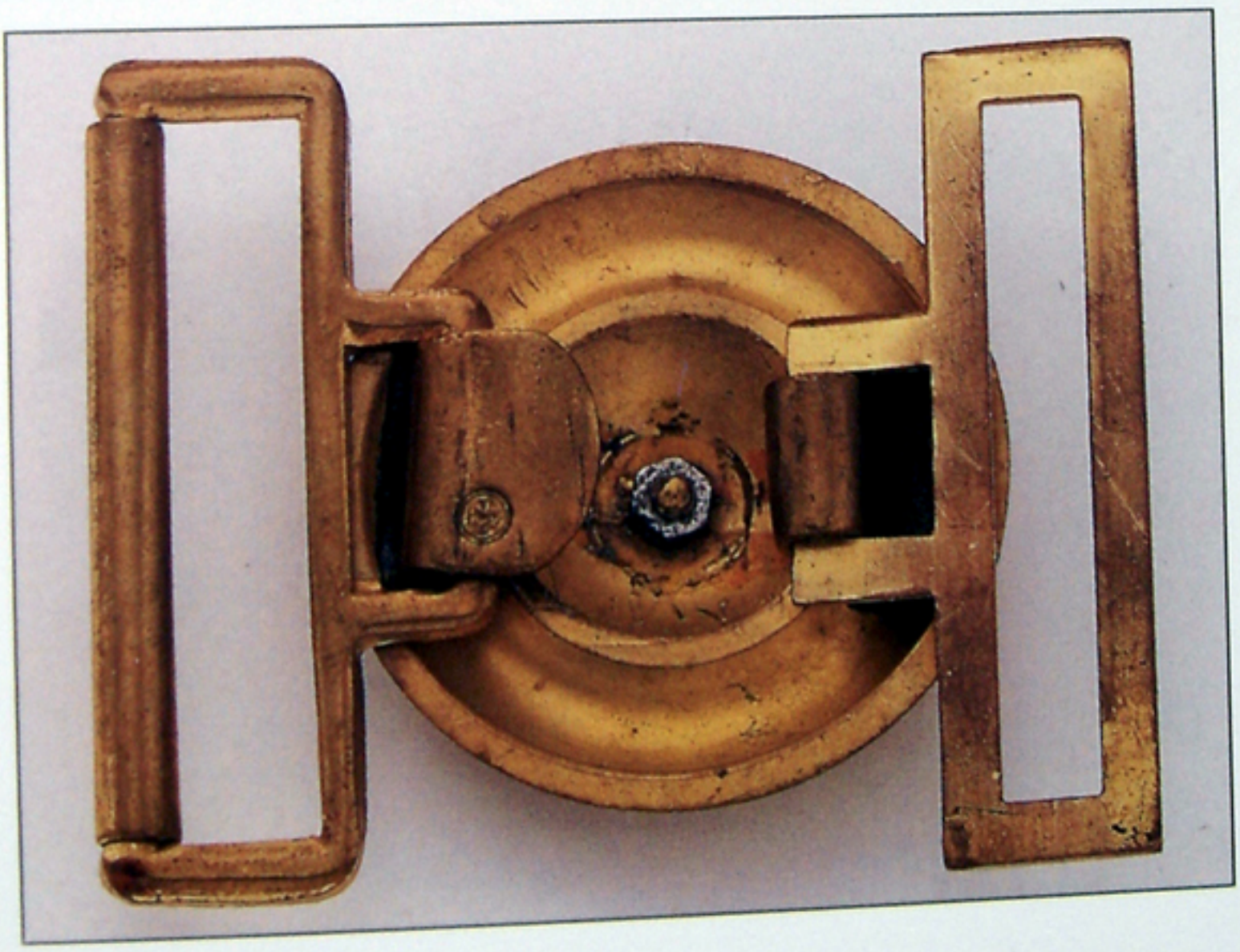
RLB ENLISTED, TYPE 3, 1940, 1 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Silver aluminum pebbled with black painted Swastika, Eagle surrounded by oak leaf wreath. Faceplate attached with 4 prongs, hallmarked. Note that this buckle is stamped R.L.B. GES. GESCH (protected by law).

Price: $400.00
Hard to find buckle.



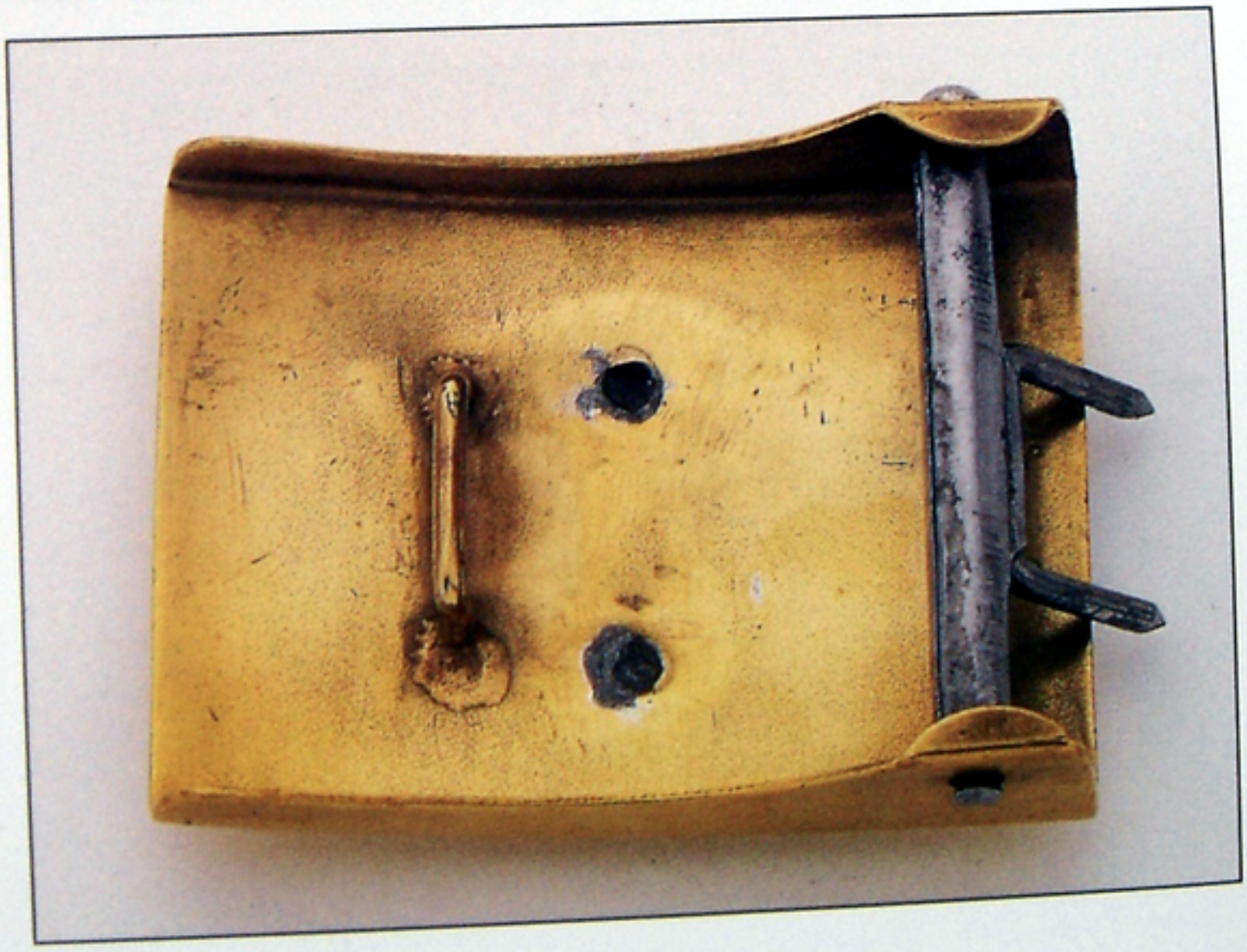
NSKK GOLD OFFICER, 1940, 2" x 2"
Gilted gold on brass buckle with NSKK above Eagle and Swastika, surrounded by oak leaf wreath. RZM proof marked. Eagle is attached by single nut. NSKK was the National Socialistic Motor Corps.

Price: $1,500.00
Very rare buckle with both keepers.



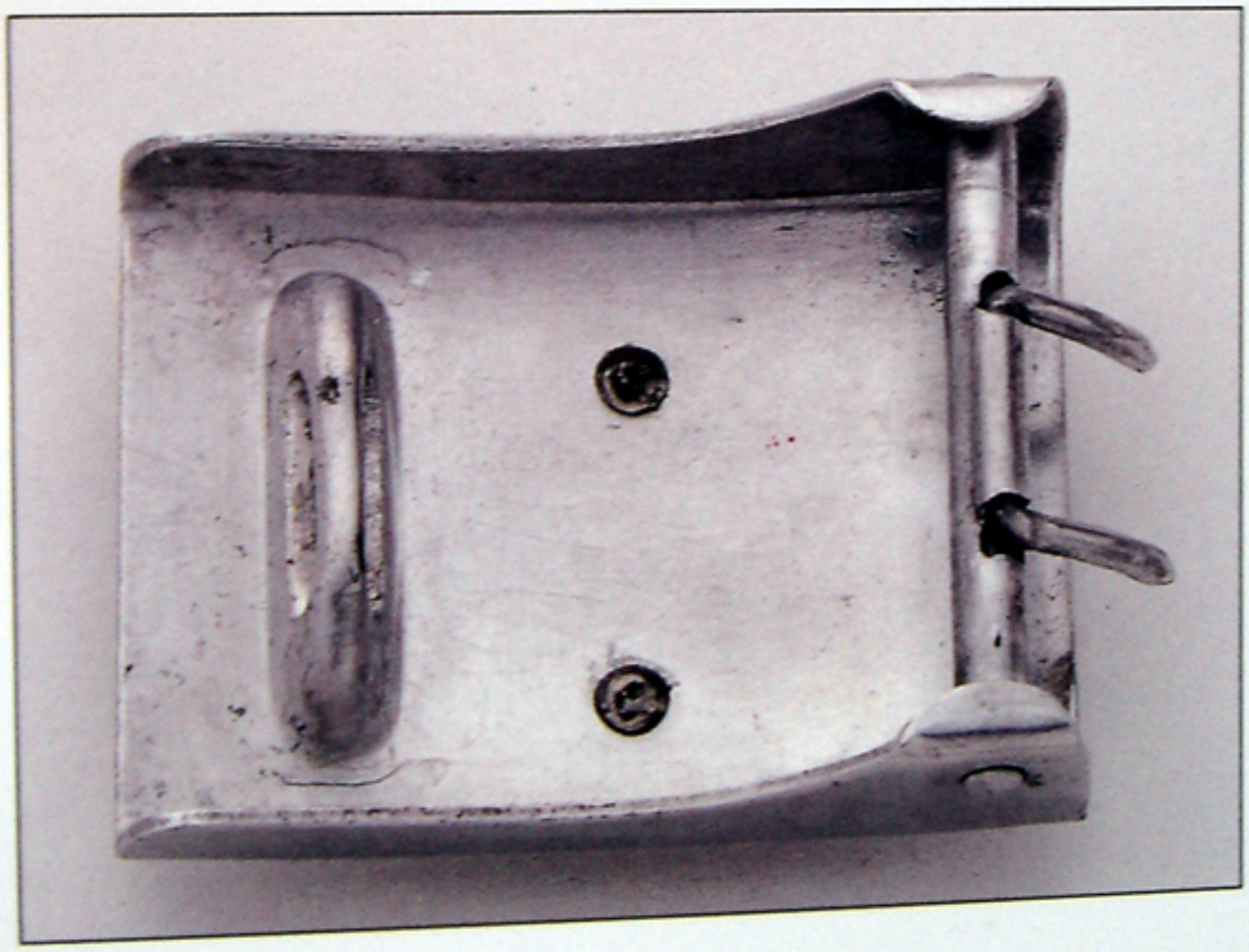
NSKK ENLISTED SHORT WING, 1934, 2 7/16" x 1 7/8"
Polished solid brass with emblem affixed by 2 solder points. Reverse side has RZM proof mark and the number 50 under prong bar.

Price: $600.00
Rare buckle in very good condition.



NSKK ENLISTED VARIANT, 2 7/16" x 1 7/8"
Polished aluminum buckle with NSKK Emblem affixed by 2 domed rivets, unmarked.

Price: $400.00
Very rare buckle.



NSKK ENLISTED SA, TYPE 1, 1933, 2 3/8" x 1 3/4"
Nickel pebbled buckle with rotated Swastika, unmarked. This SA style buckle is believed to have been used by NSKK Units under the SA until their own buckle was produced.

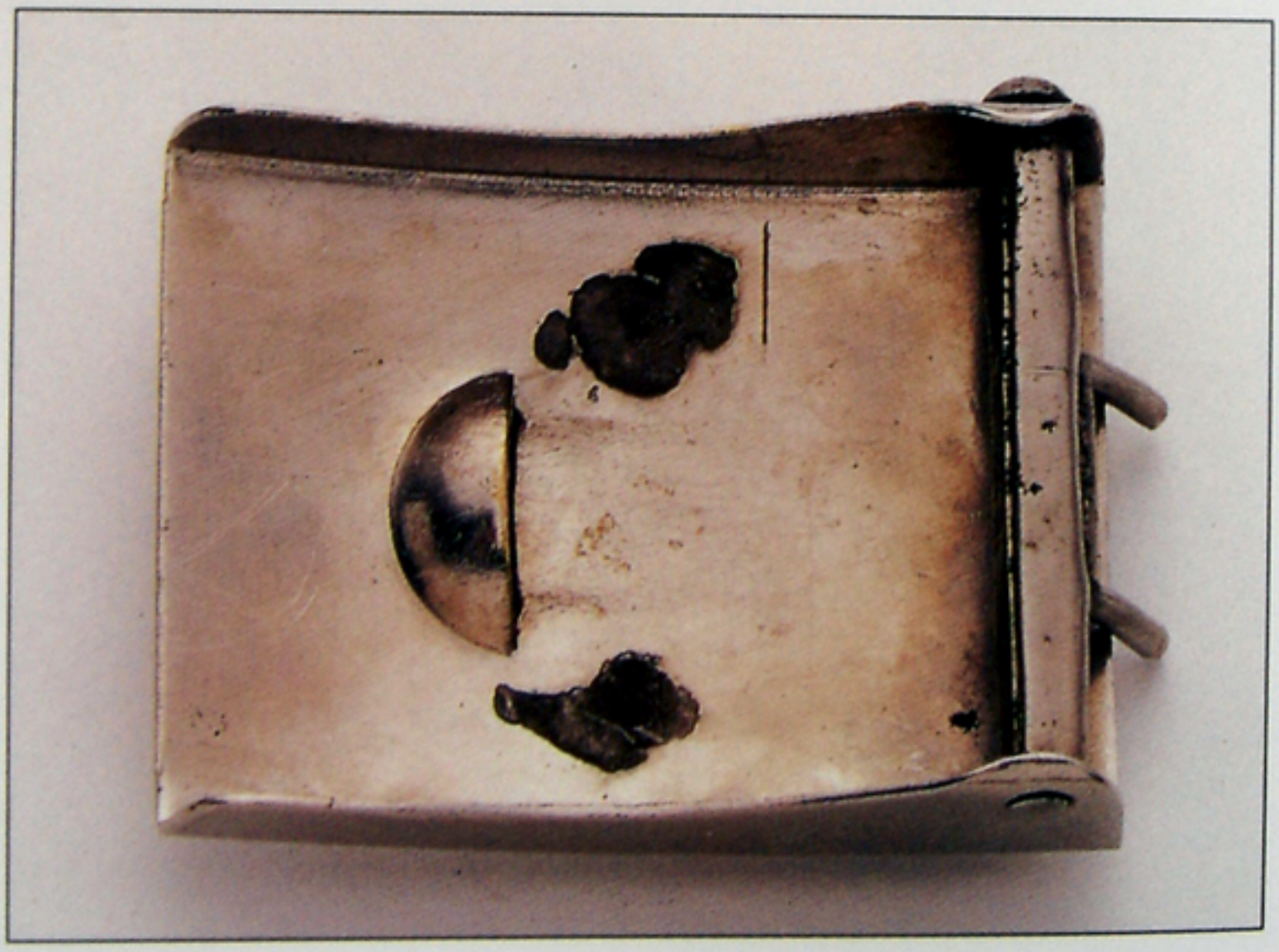
Price: $275.00

NSKK NICKEL SILVER, TYPE 1 1934-1936, 2 1/2" x 1 7/8"
Solid brass buckle, silvered with Mobile-Runic, Swastika, RZM marked 36.

Price: $150.00

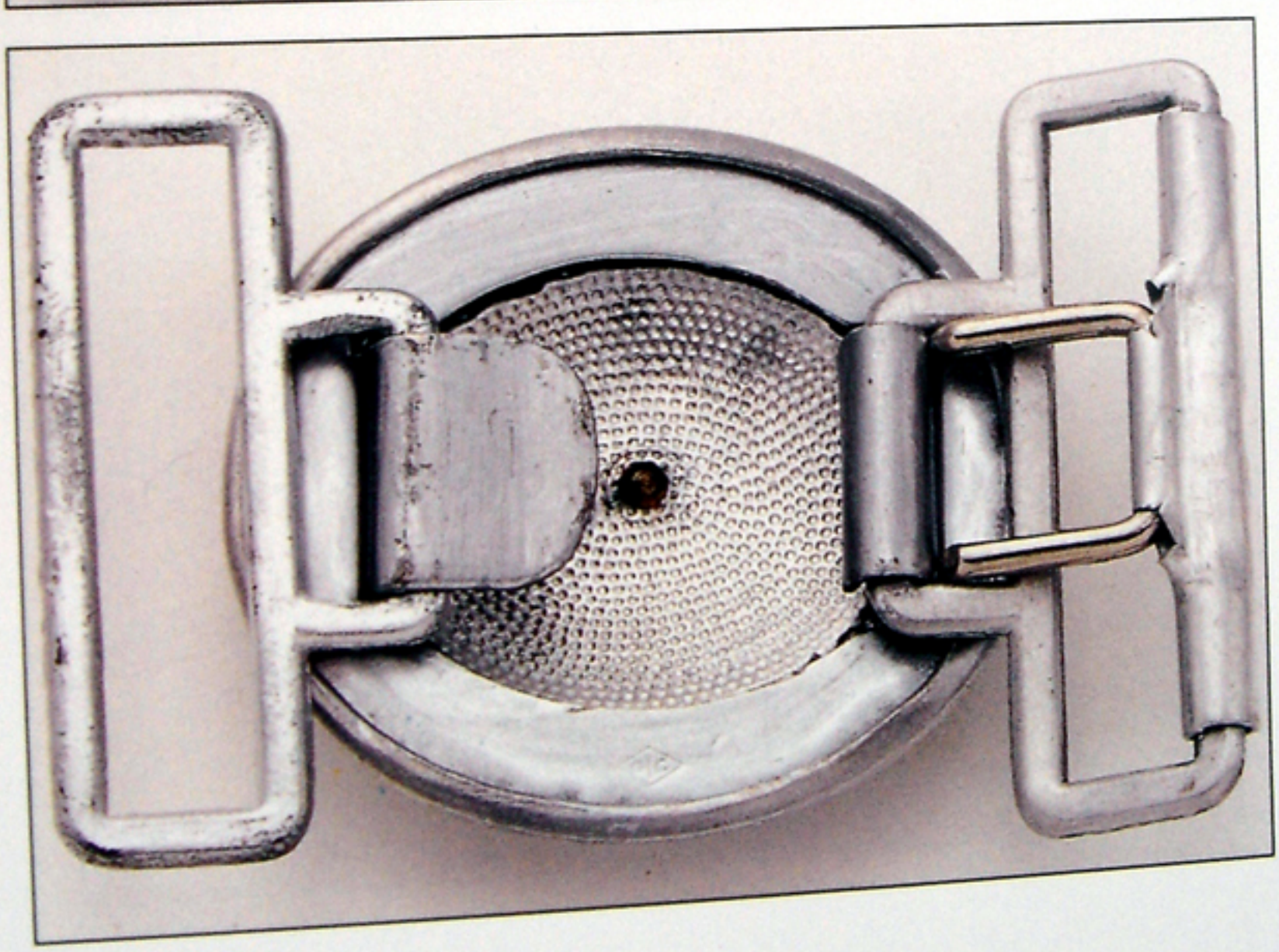
NSKK SILVER, TYPE 3, 1934-1936, 2 3/8" x 1 3/4"
Chrome silver, brass buckle, unmarked.

Price: $50.00



NSFK OFFICER BUCKLE, 1940, 2 3/16" x 2"
Bright aluminum buckle with pebbled field surrounded by oval oak leaf wreath. NSFK Insignia (Winged Icarus) is gold plated surrounded by oak leaf wreath and affixed by a domed rivet. Hallmarked OLC.

Price: $2,500.00
Very rare buckle to find.

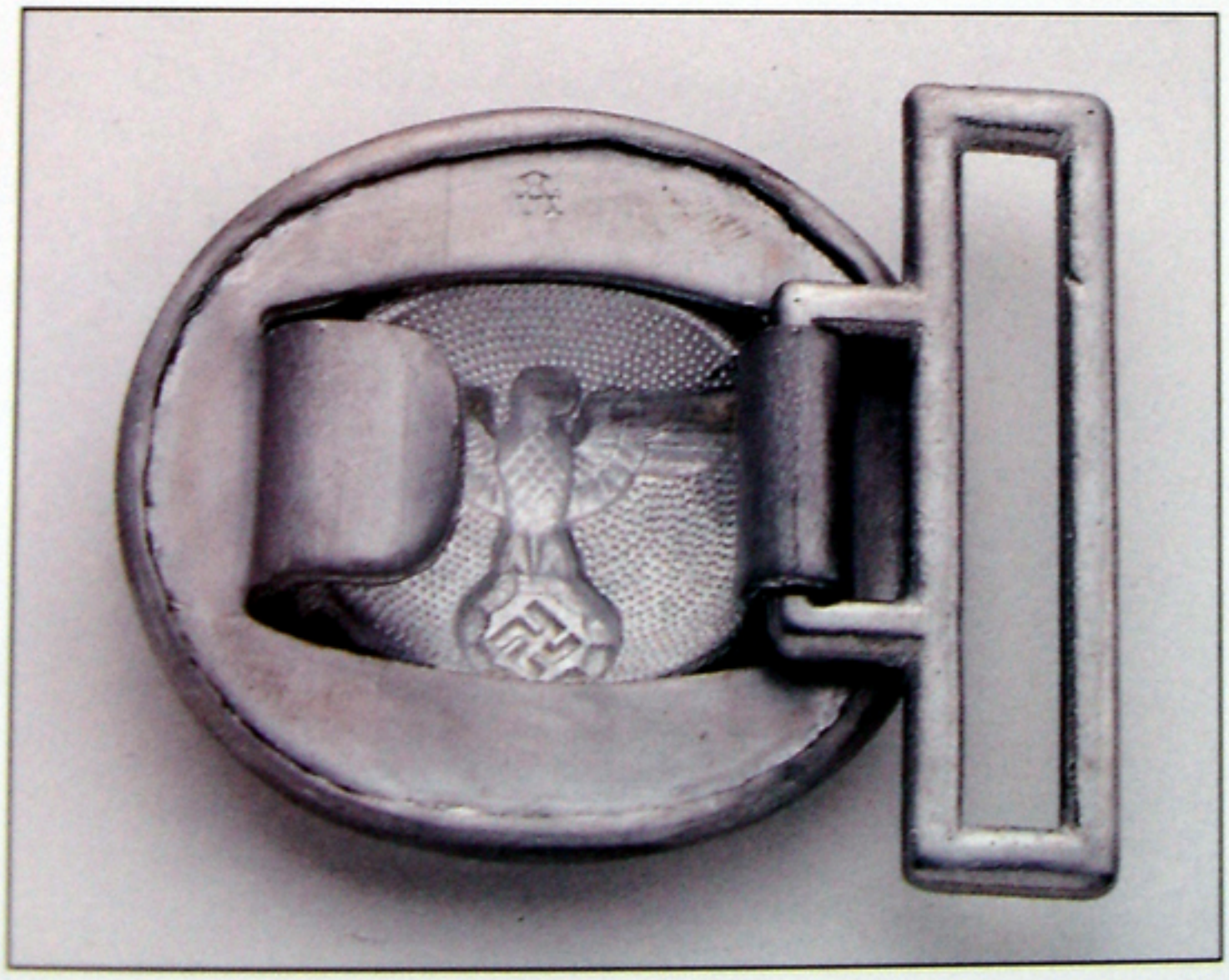


NSFK ENLISTED, TYPE 1, 1932-1934, 2 3/8" x 1 13/16"
Nickel finished, pebbled field buckle with Swastika rotated. SA style Eagle clutching wreath with Swastika rotated in center of plain field having a half oak leaf wreath. Hallmarked AR in oval circle.

Price: $275.00

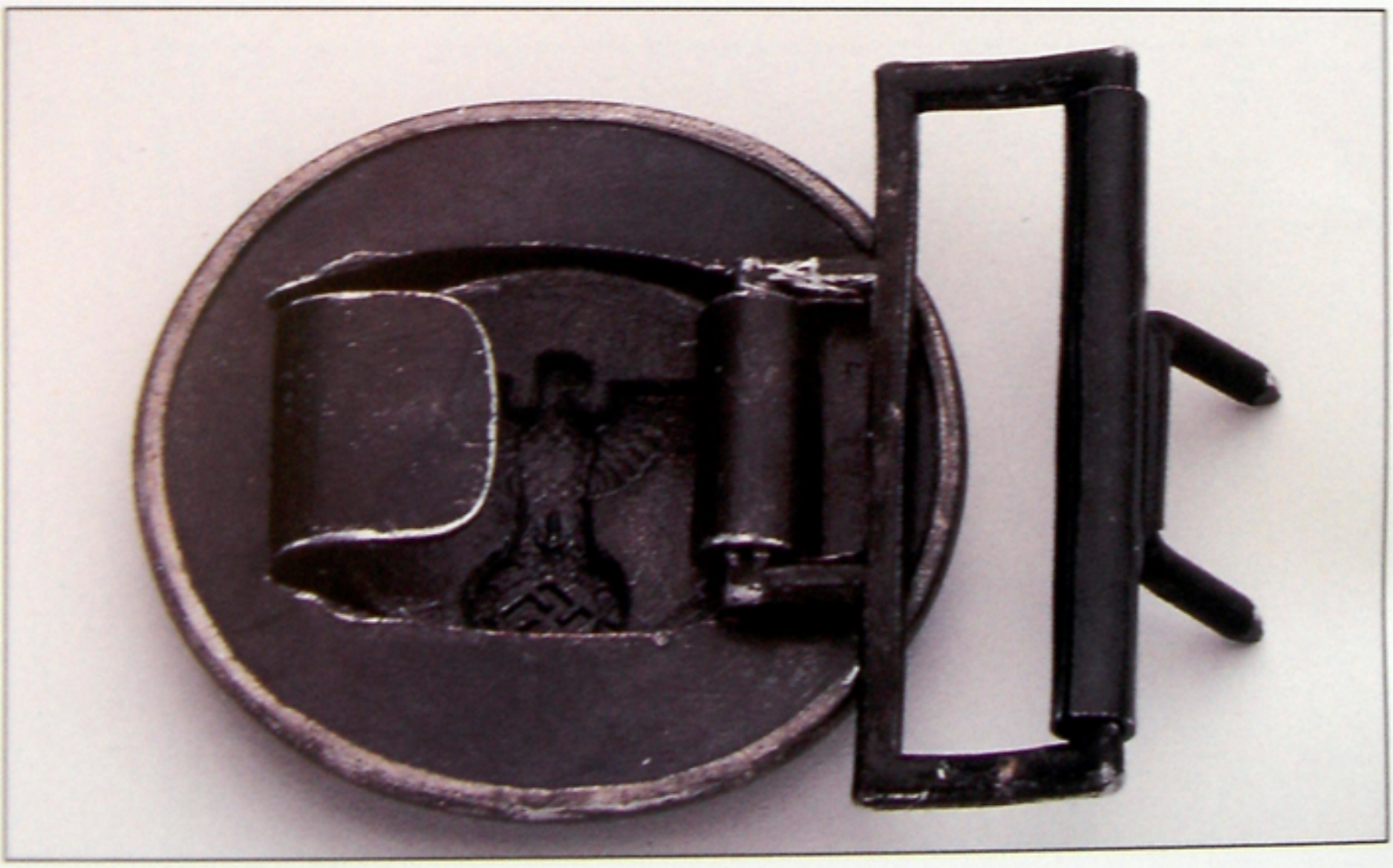
NATIONAL FORESTRY OFFICER, 1938, 2 1/8" x 1 7/8"
Bright aluminum buckle with National Eagle on pebbled field surrounded by oak leaf wreath, hallmarked with company logo. This buckle was worn with the Dress Uniform. There is a gold General's buckle. Please see Author's Request.

Price: $200.00



NATIONAL FORESTRY OFFICER BLACK, 1938, 2 1/8" x 1 7/8"
Burnished black aluminum buckle, not marked, worn with the Service Uniform.

Price: $225.00
Harder to find than the Dress Buckle.

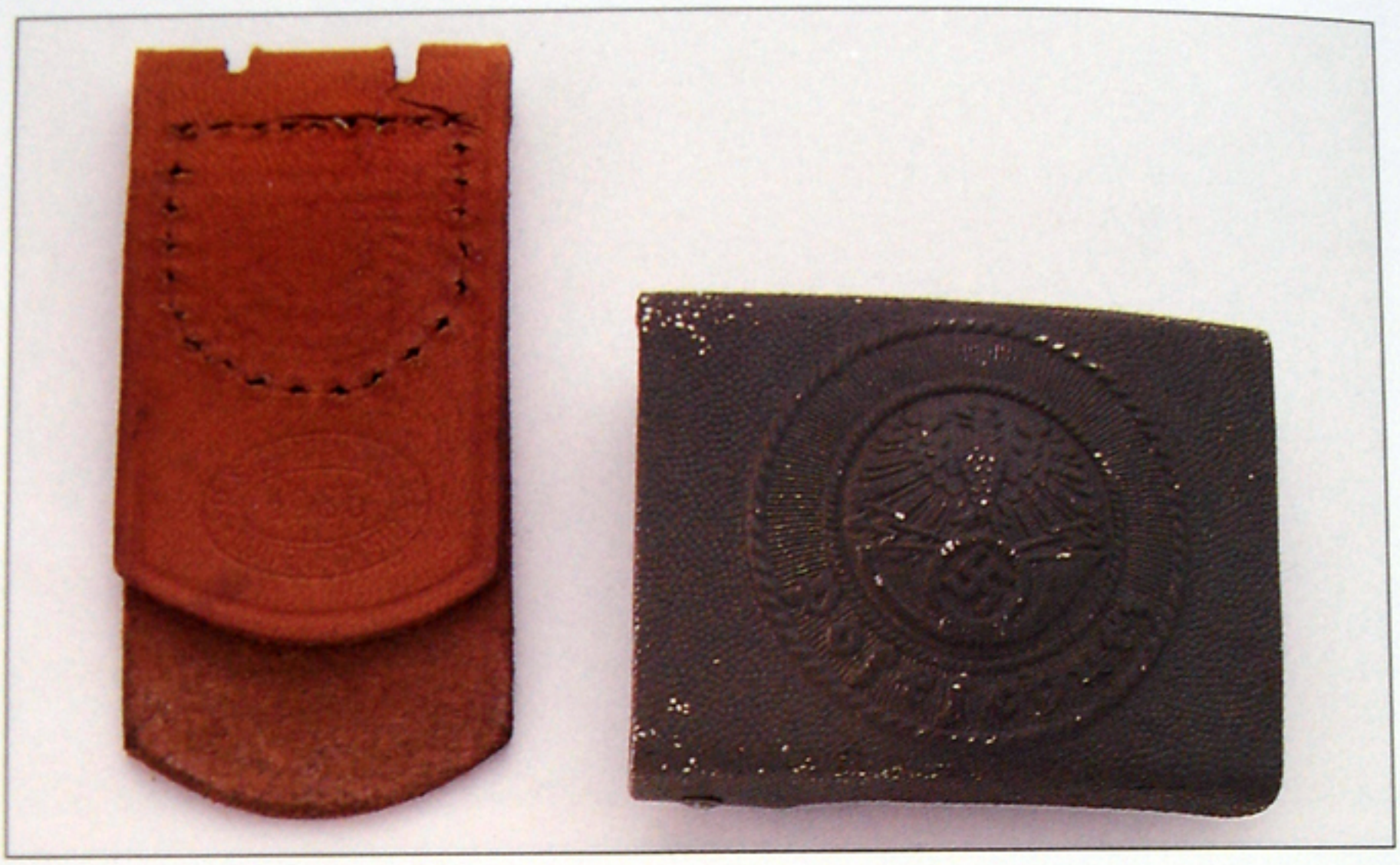


POSTAL NICKEL BUCKLE, 1934, 2 3/8" x 1 13/16"
Pebbled nickel alloy buckle with Imperial Style Eagle clutching the Swastika in a wreath holding a post horn. The lightning bolts and horn are symbolic of the communications system, unmarked.

Price: $550.00
Rare buckle to find.

POSTAL ALUMINUM BUCKLE, 1934, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Pebbled aluminum buckle painted gray green. Hallmarked, matching brown tab, one side with company name and 1936 date. Reverse side of tab stamped DRP (Deutsche Reichpost), German National Postal Service. There is a Postal Leader Buckle, please see Author's Request.

Price: $550.00
Very rare with matching tab.



ORG TODT BUCKLE, 1940, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Gray silver painted steel buckle with the national Eagle, surmounting a sword and two crossed shovels over a pillbox, surrounded by oak leaf wreath. Has the unique marking of Org Todt in a circle under the prong bar. Called the West Wall Buckle by collectors.

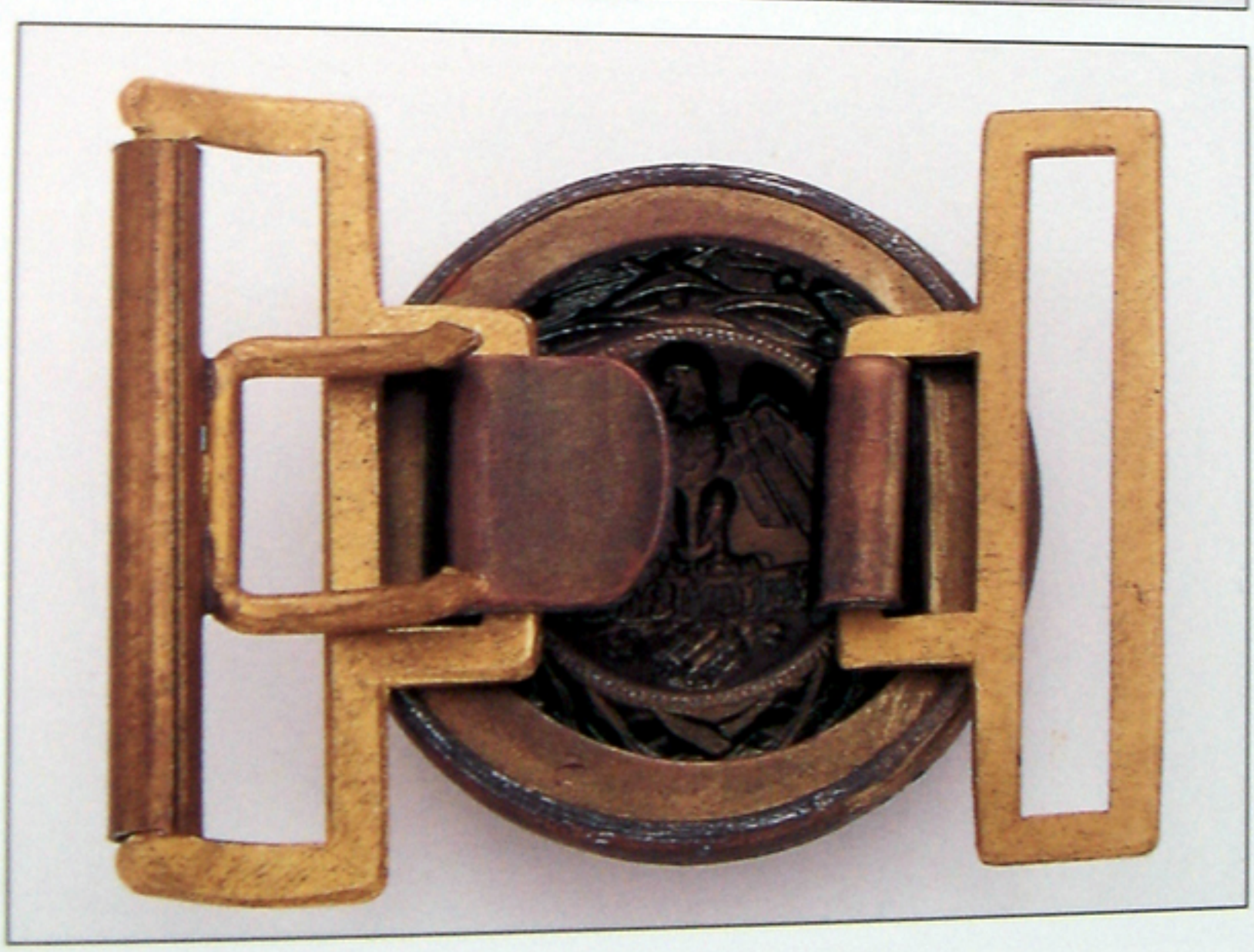
Price: $1,000.00
Rare near mint condition buckle.

STUDENT LEAGUE LEADER, 1936, 2 1/2" x 1 7/8"
Silvered aluminum buckle with youth emblem surrounded by oak leaf wreath in rectangular shape. This buckle was also worn by leaders of the NPEA. These buckles must always be RZM marked.

Price: $400.00

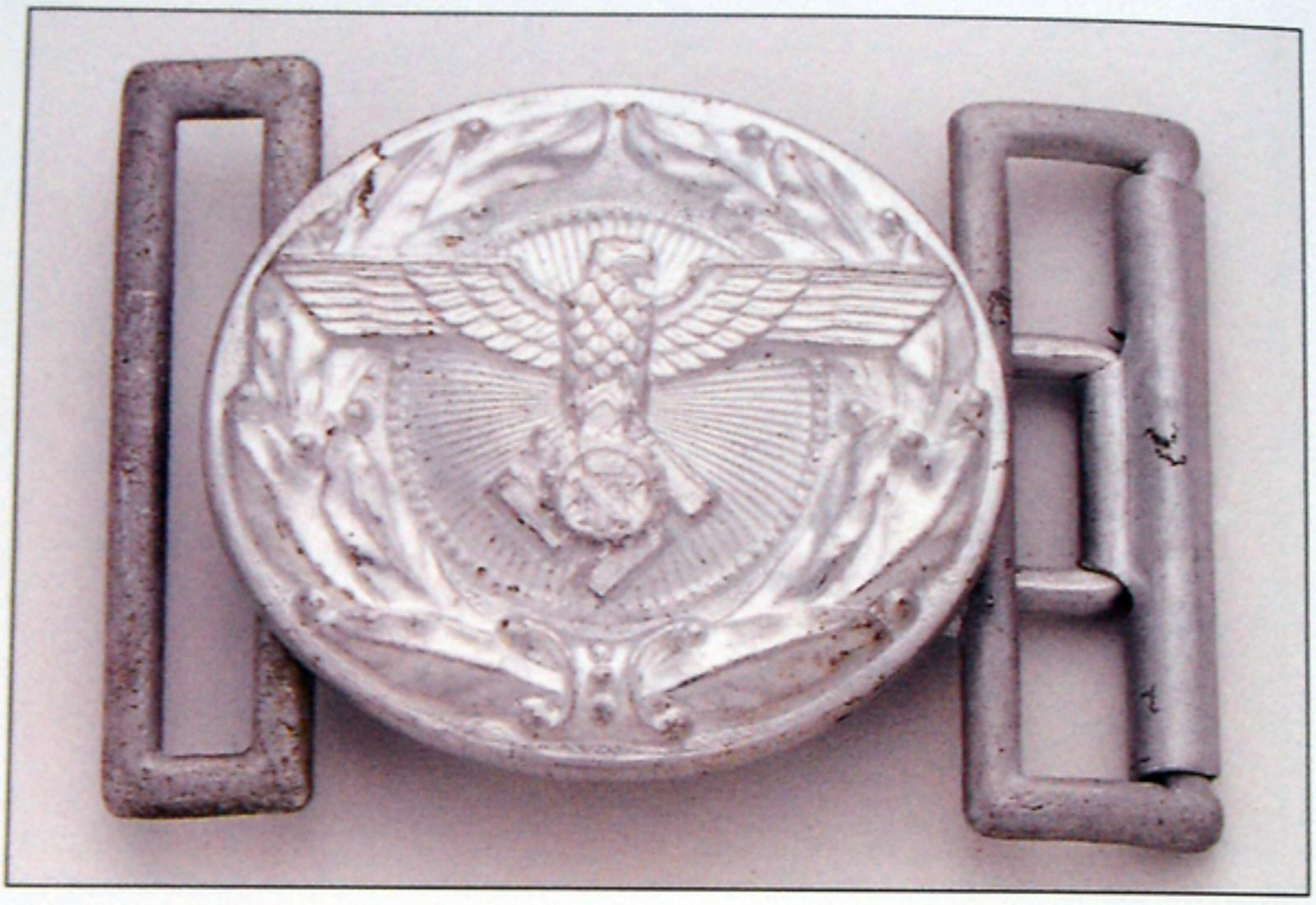
FOOD LEADER OFFICER, 1935, 2" x 2"
Brass buckle with gilted gold having the food emblem with Eagle mounted on a bar saying "Blut und Boden" (Blood and Earth). The buckle is surrounded by oak leaf wreath.

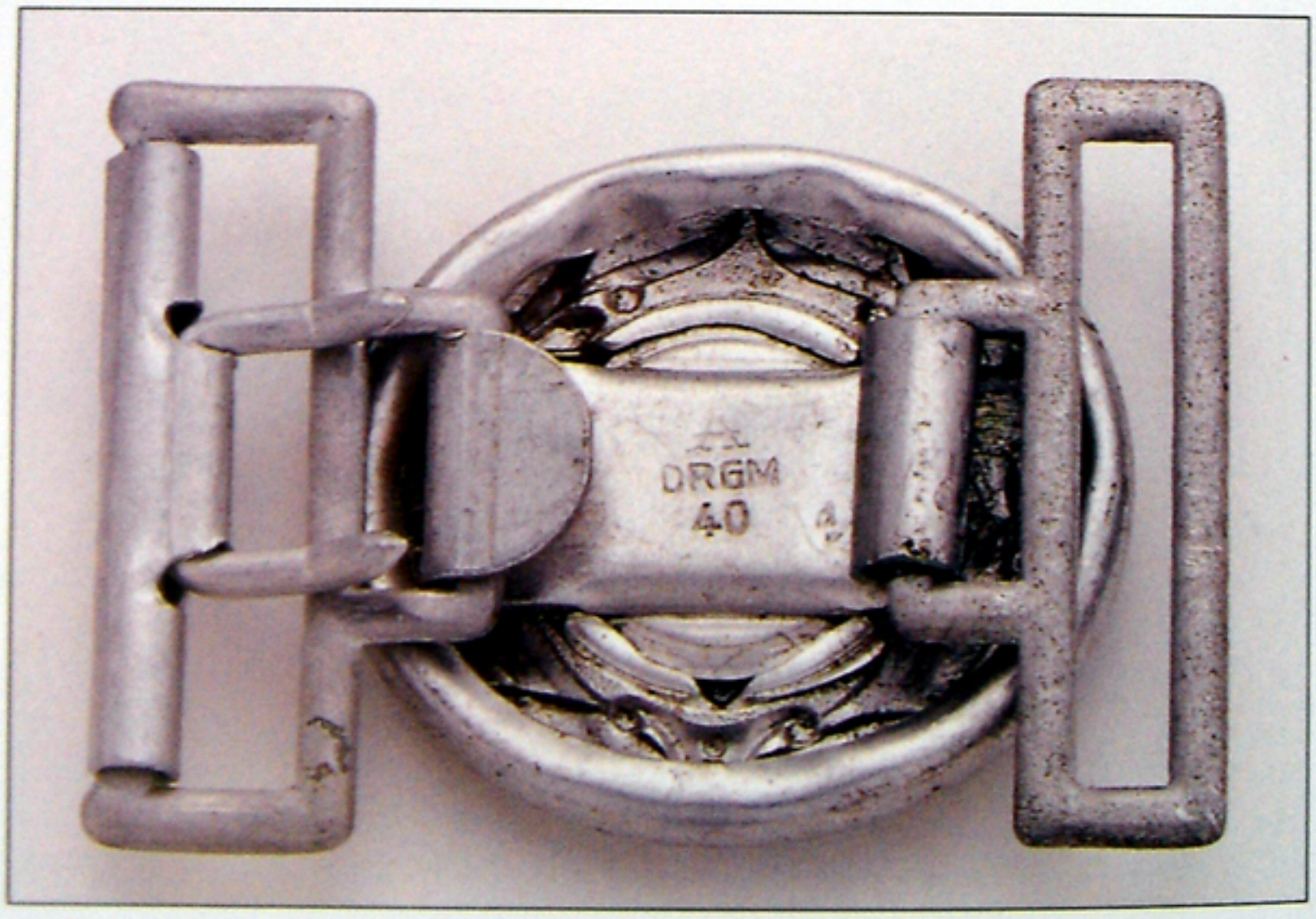
Price: $3,500.00
Very rare buckle.



TENO LEADERS BUCKLE, 1940, 2 1/8" x 1 7/8"
Silvered white aluminum with polished highlights featuring the National Eagle clutching the TENO Symbol with TN in the center. Buckle surrounded by oak leaf wreath. Hallmarked DRGM 40.

Price: $3,500.00
Very rare buckle.



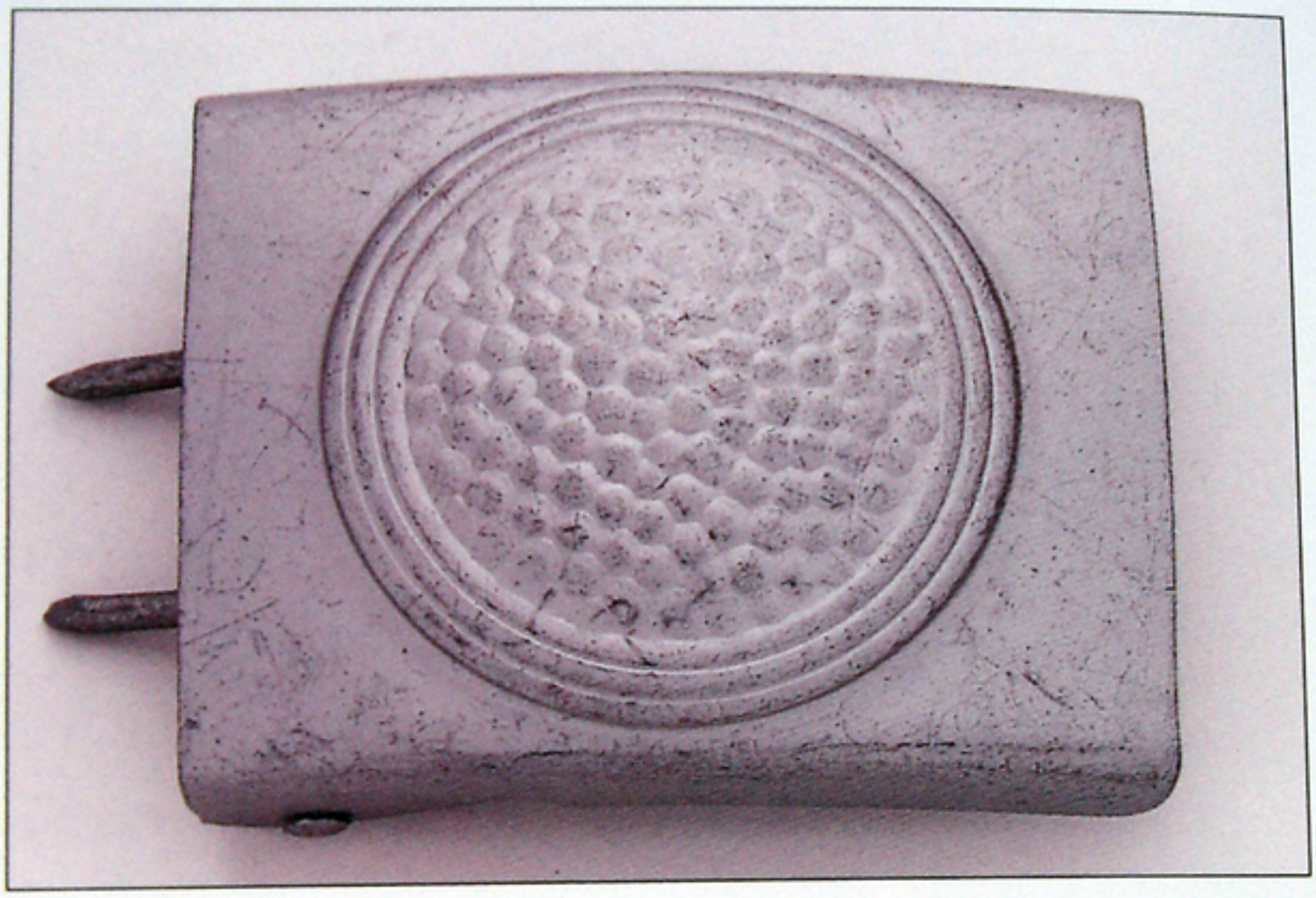


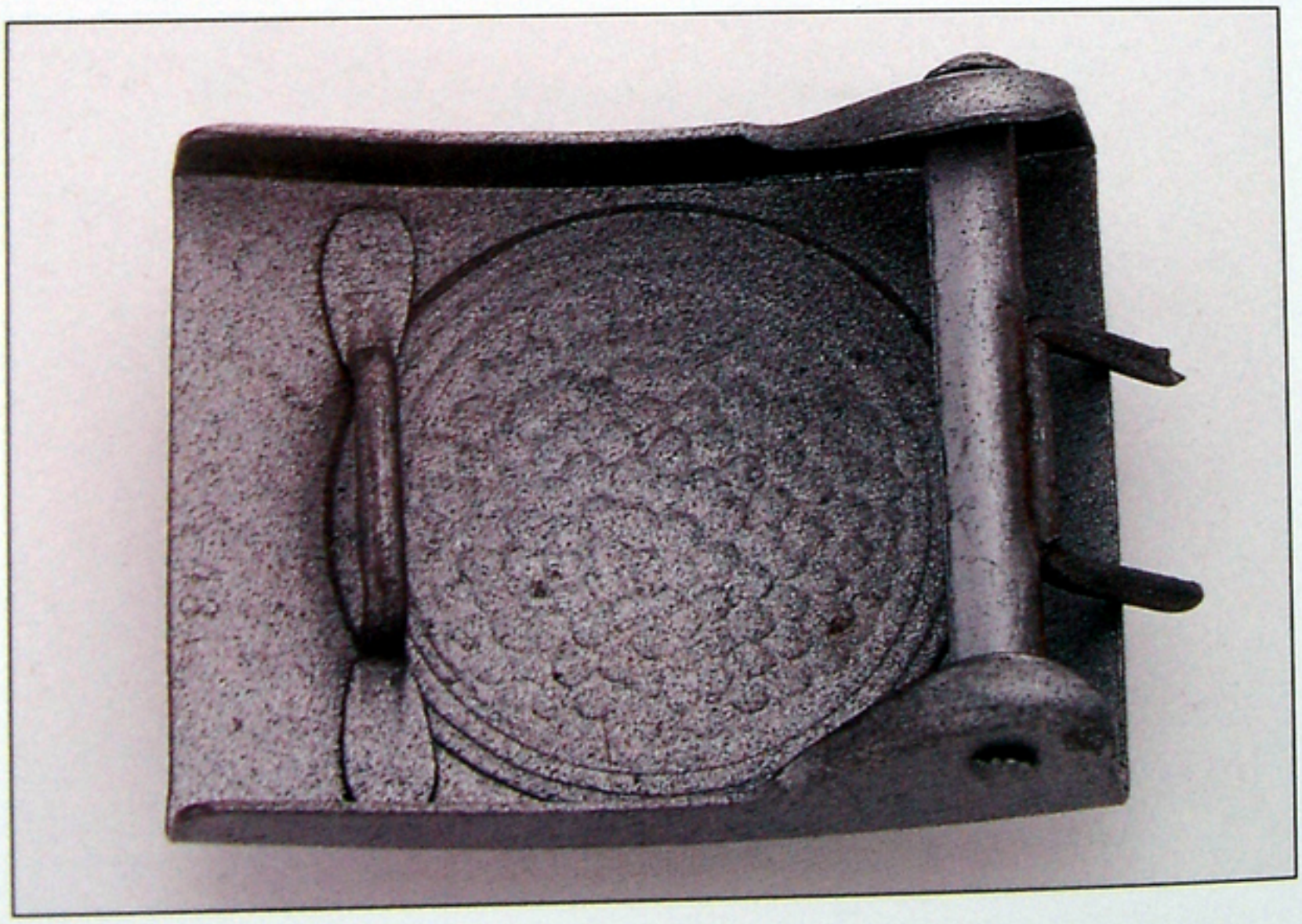
SA HOME GUARD BUCKLE, 1943, 2 7/16" x 1 7/8"
Silver white aluminum alloy buckle with national Eagle above Swastika on plain field and laurel leaf half circle. Must always be RZM marked.

Price: $450.00

PENAL ENLISTED BUCKLE, 1943, 2 5/16" x 1 7/8"
Steel buckle, gray paint, unmarked. Worn by military personnel assigned to punishment units and by racially undesirable conscripts called the Brain Buckle by collectors. Buckle marked B & N 43.

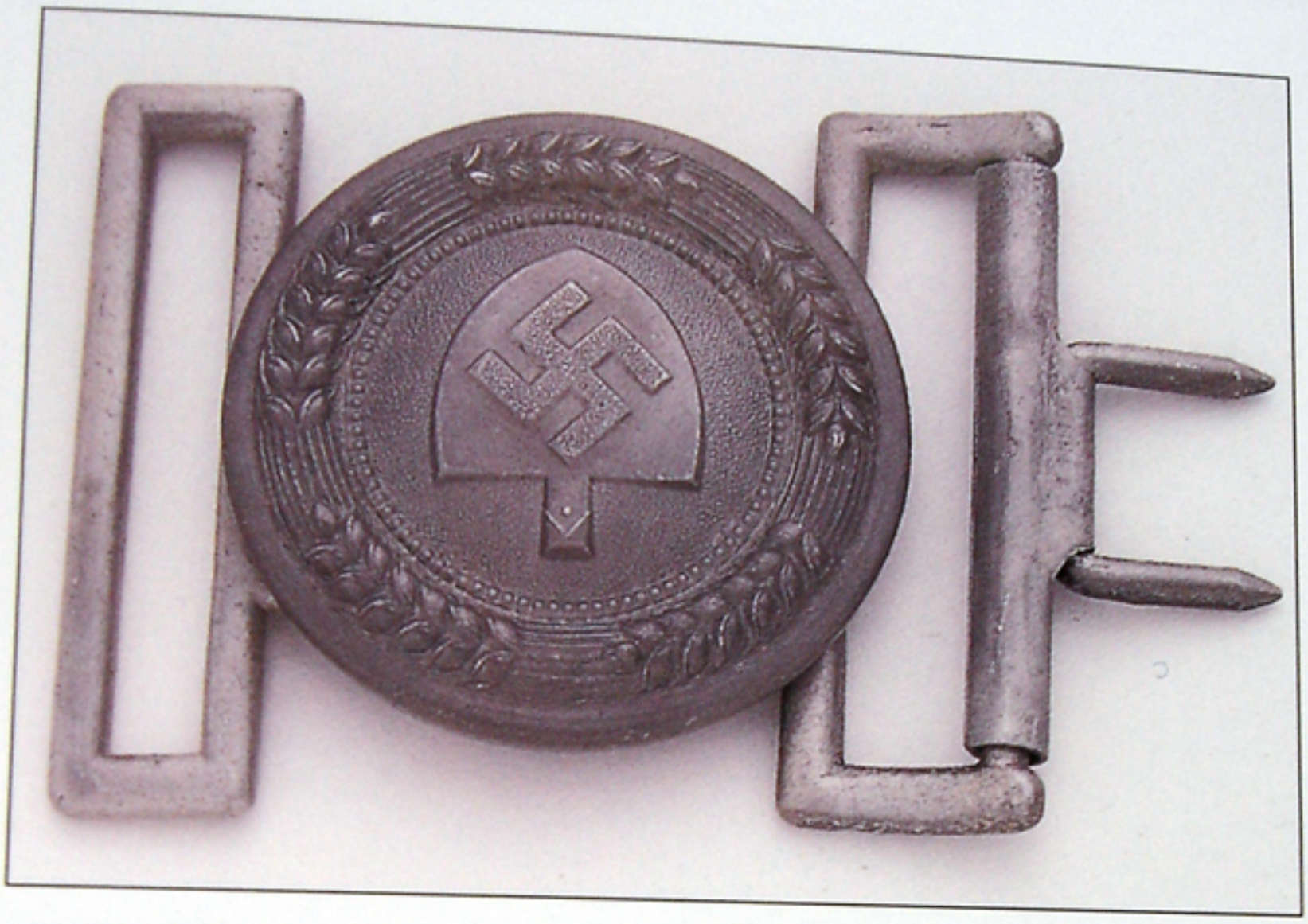
Price: $75.00

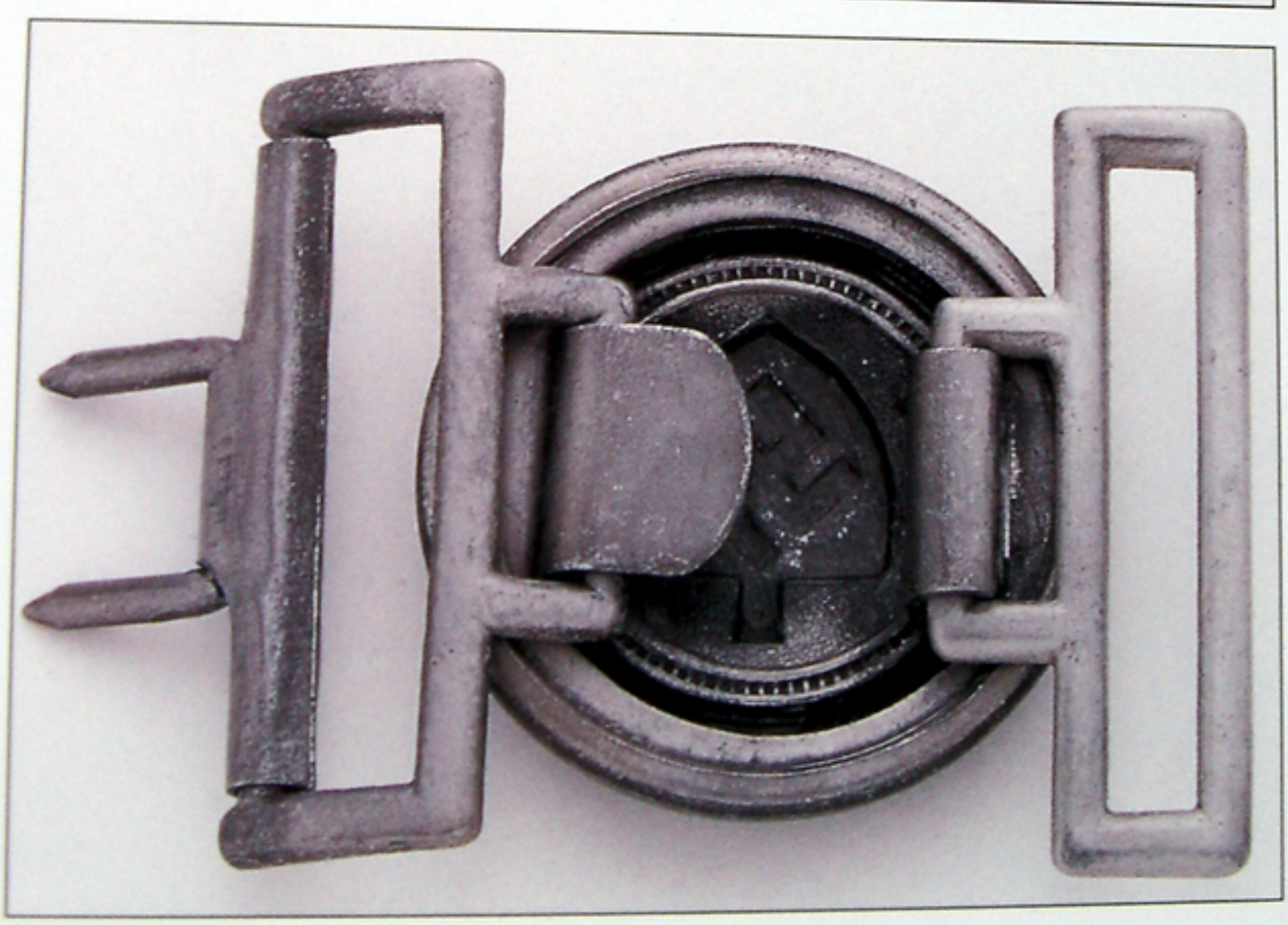




RAD LEADERS, 1938, 1 7/8" x 1 7/8"
Gray aluminum buckle with RAD Spade with Swastika surrounded by sprigs of wheat on a plain field, Unmarked. RAD was the National Labor Service.

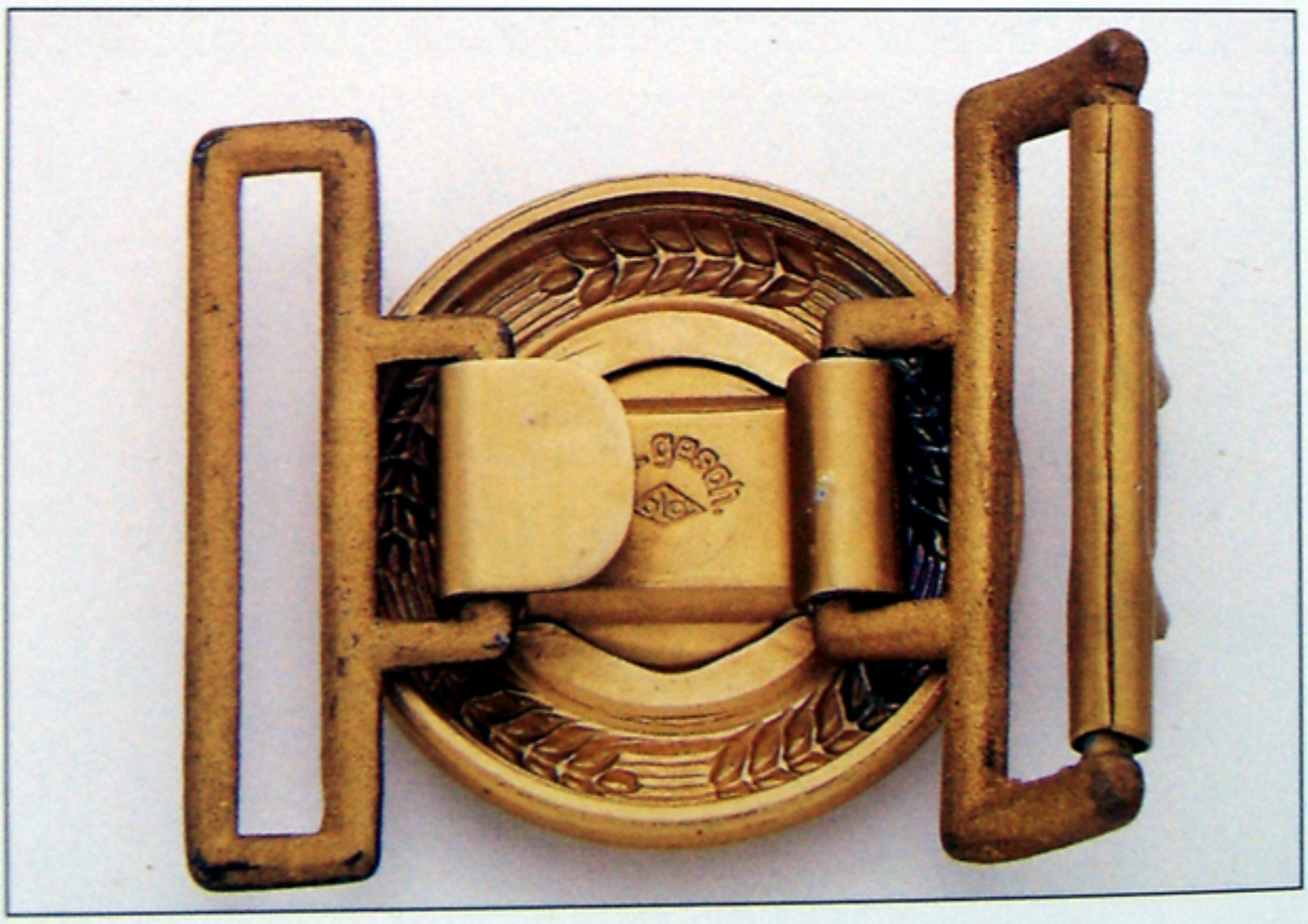
Price: $150.00





RAD GENERALS BUCKLE, 1938, 1 7/8" x 1 7/8"
Matte gold aluminum buckle with RAD Spade, Swastika, hallmarked OLC GES GESCH.

Price: $800.00

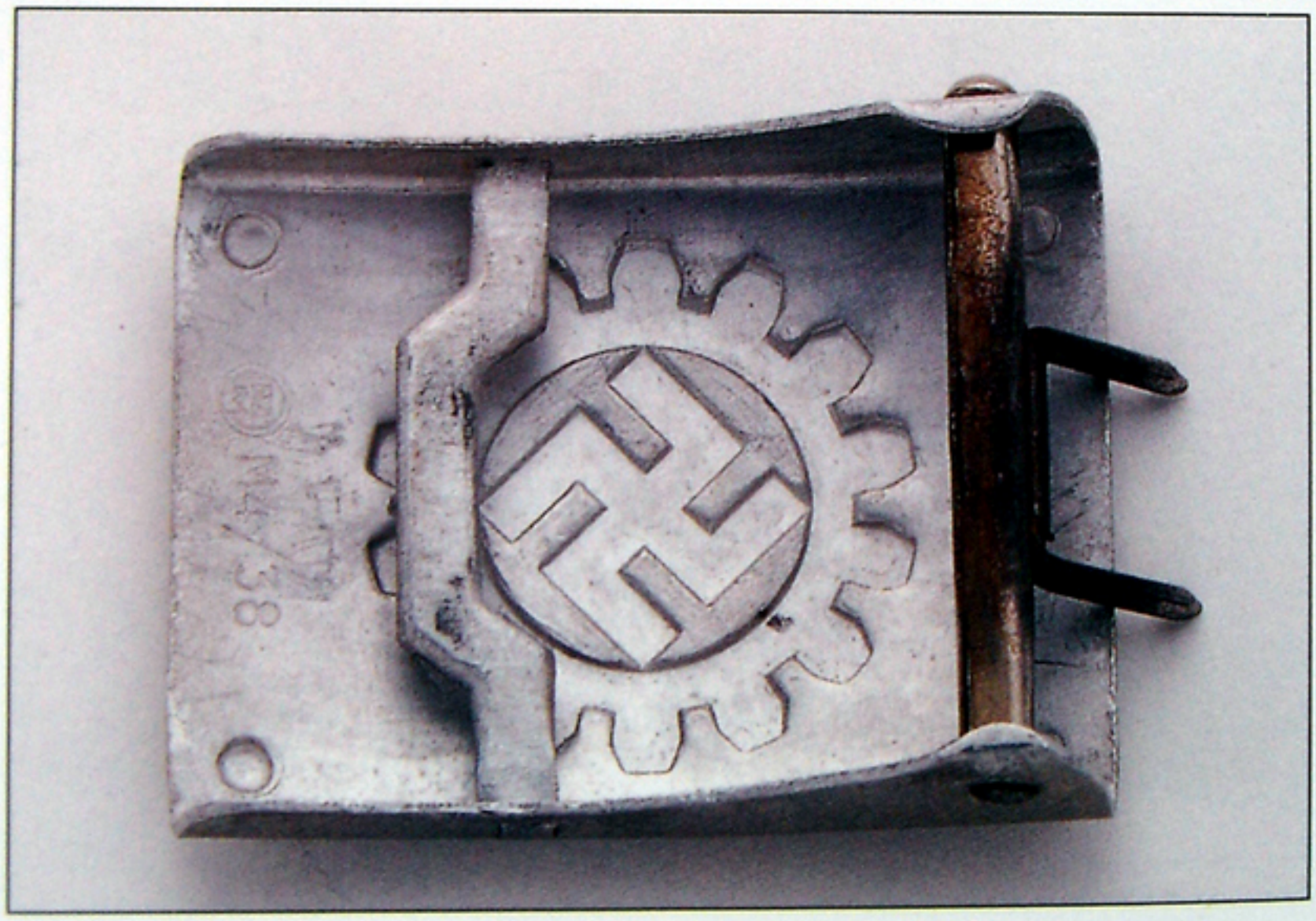


RAD ENLISTED BUCKLE, 1936, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Gray aluminum buckle with RAD Spade, Swastika surrounded by sprigs of wheat on a plain field. Pebbled field on the rest of the buckle. Hallmarked, matching tab with company name and 1938 date.

Price: $150.00

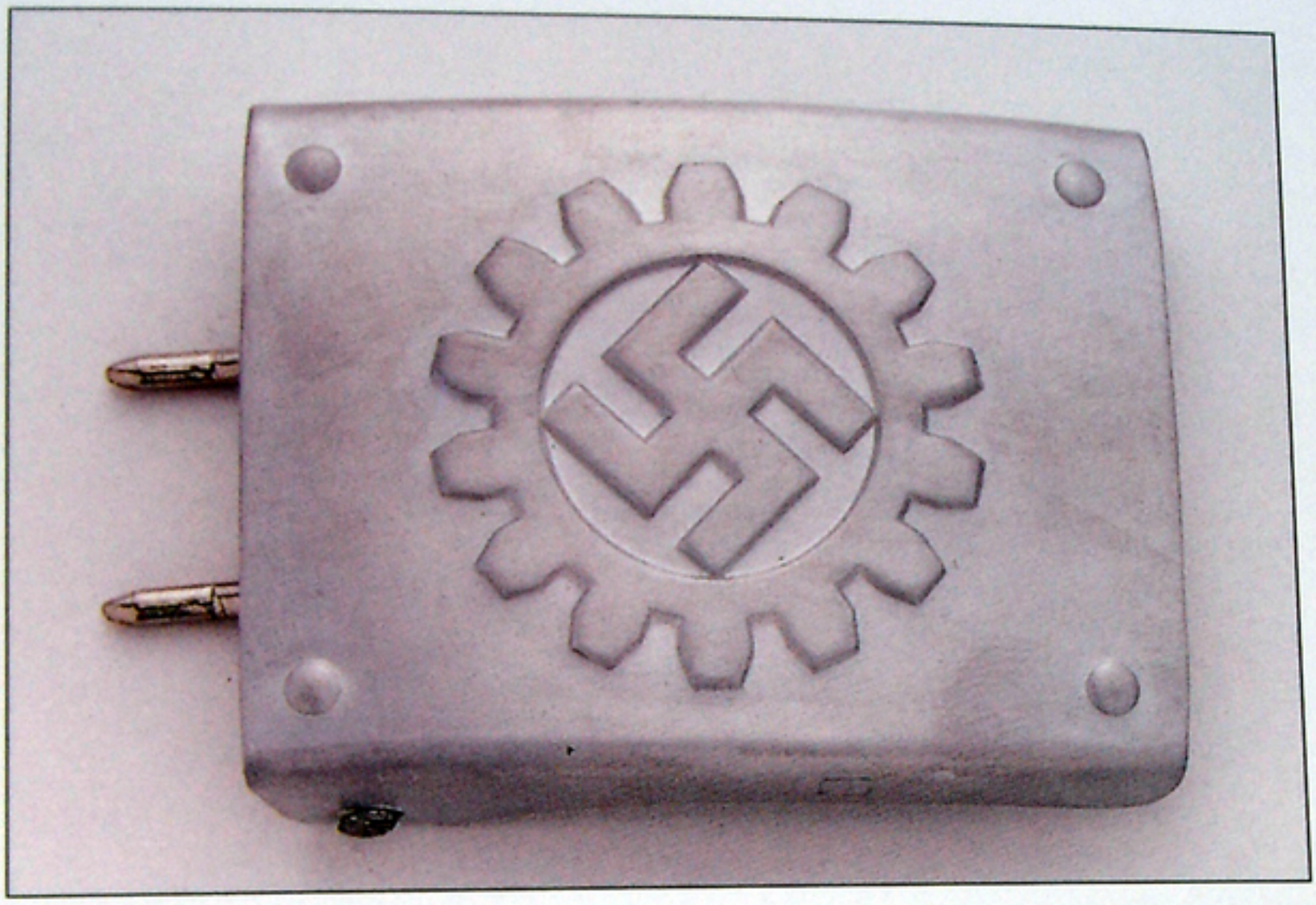
DAF ENLISTED GRAY BUCKLE, 1940, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Field gray aluminum buckle with 4 rivet markings, one on each corner. Plain field with DAF Cogwheel and Swastika center. This buckle has the crank catch and is marked with RZM logo M4/38. DAF was the German Labor Front which replaced the Trade Unions. This buckle was worn by the Werkschar of the DAF.

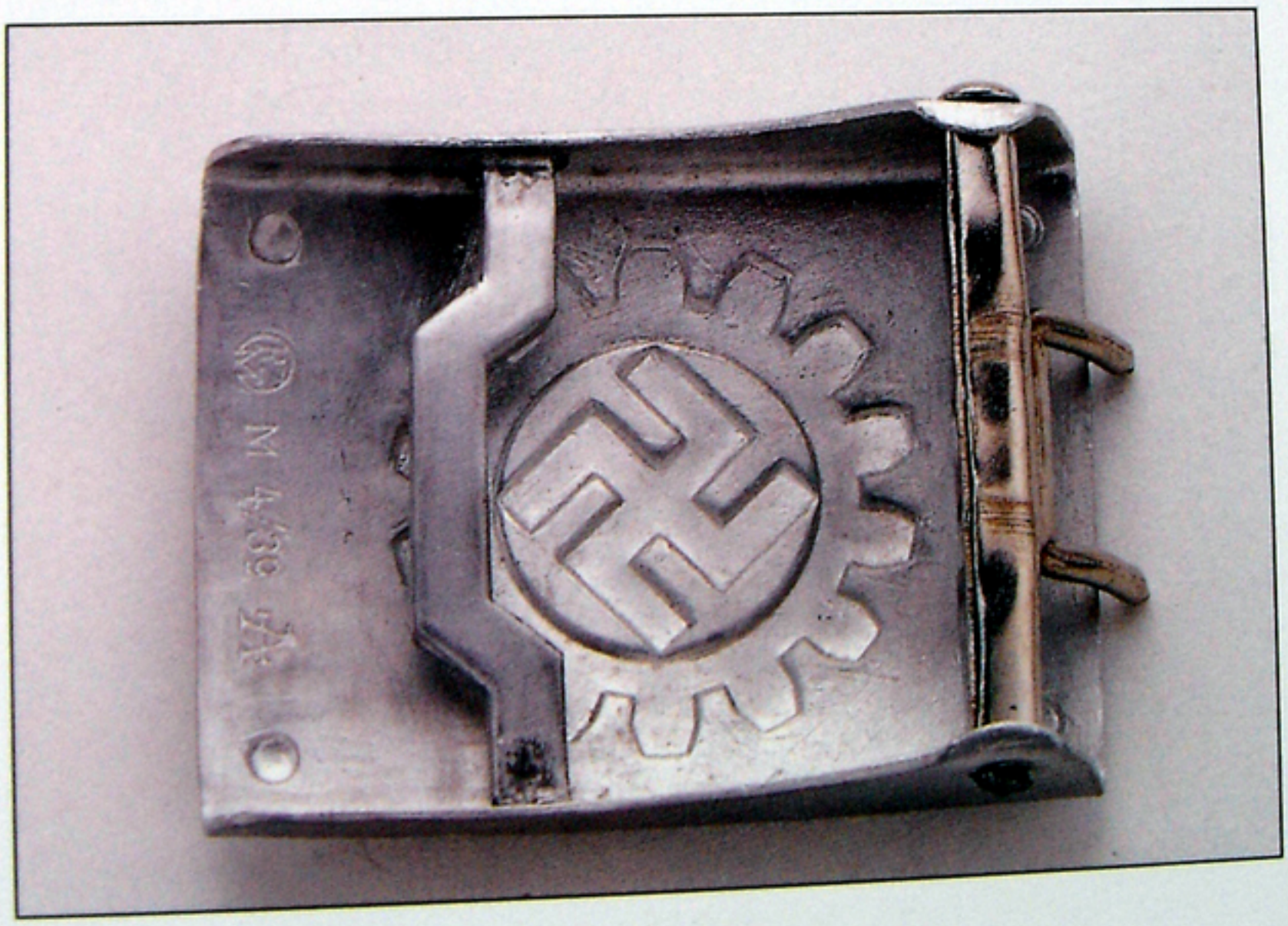
Price: $150.00



DAF ENLISTED ALUMINUM, 1936, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Bright aluminum buckle with 4 rivet markings, one on each corner. Plain field with DAF Cogwheel and Swastika center. This buckle also has the crank catch and is marked RZM logo. Worn by the Werkschar of the DAF.

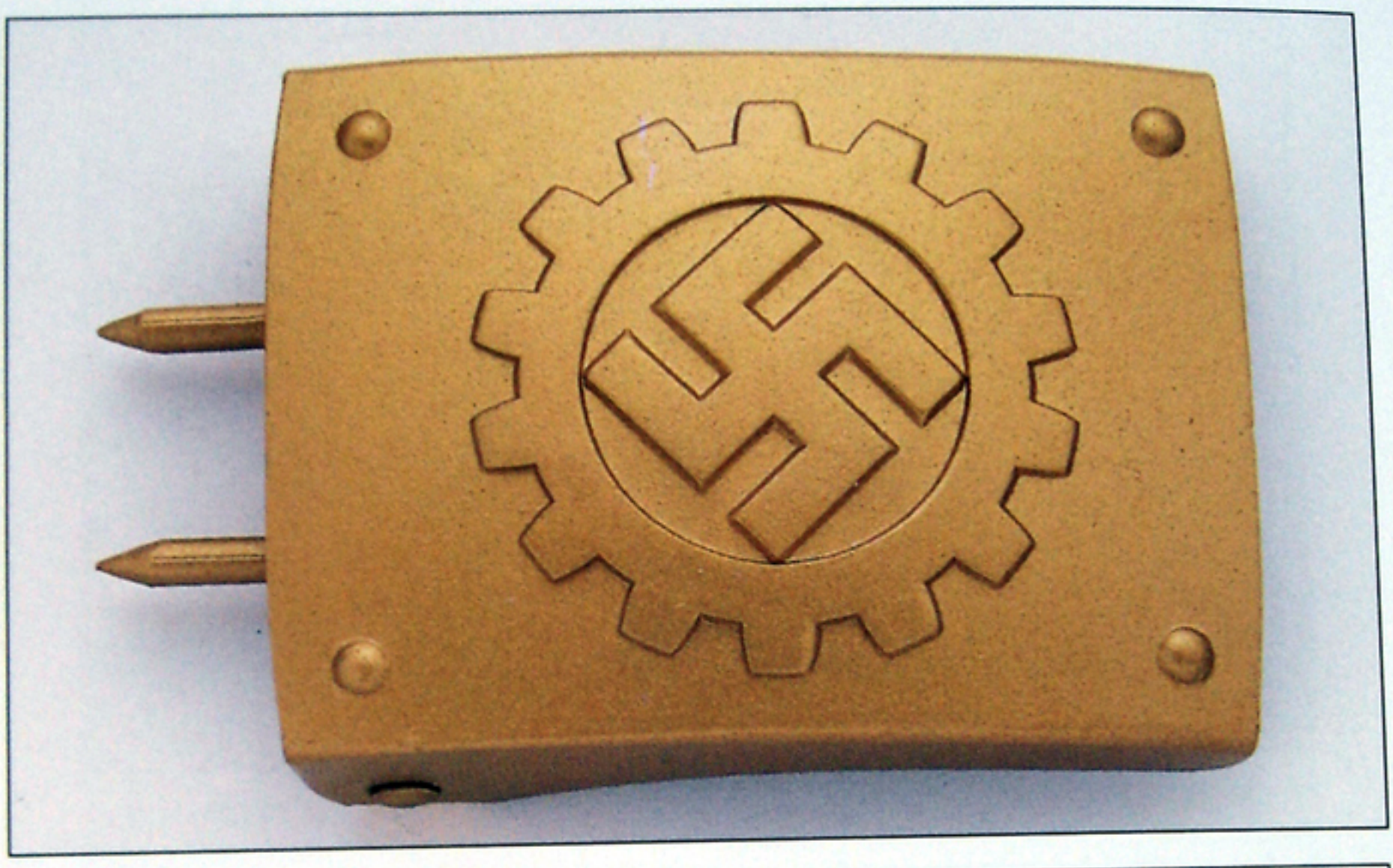
Price: $150.00

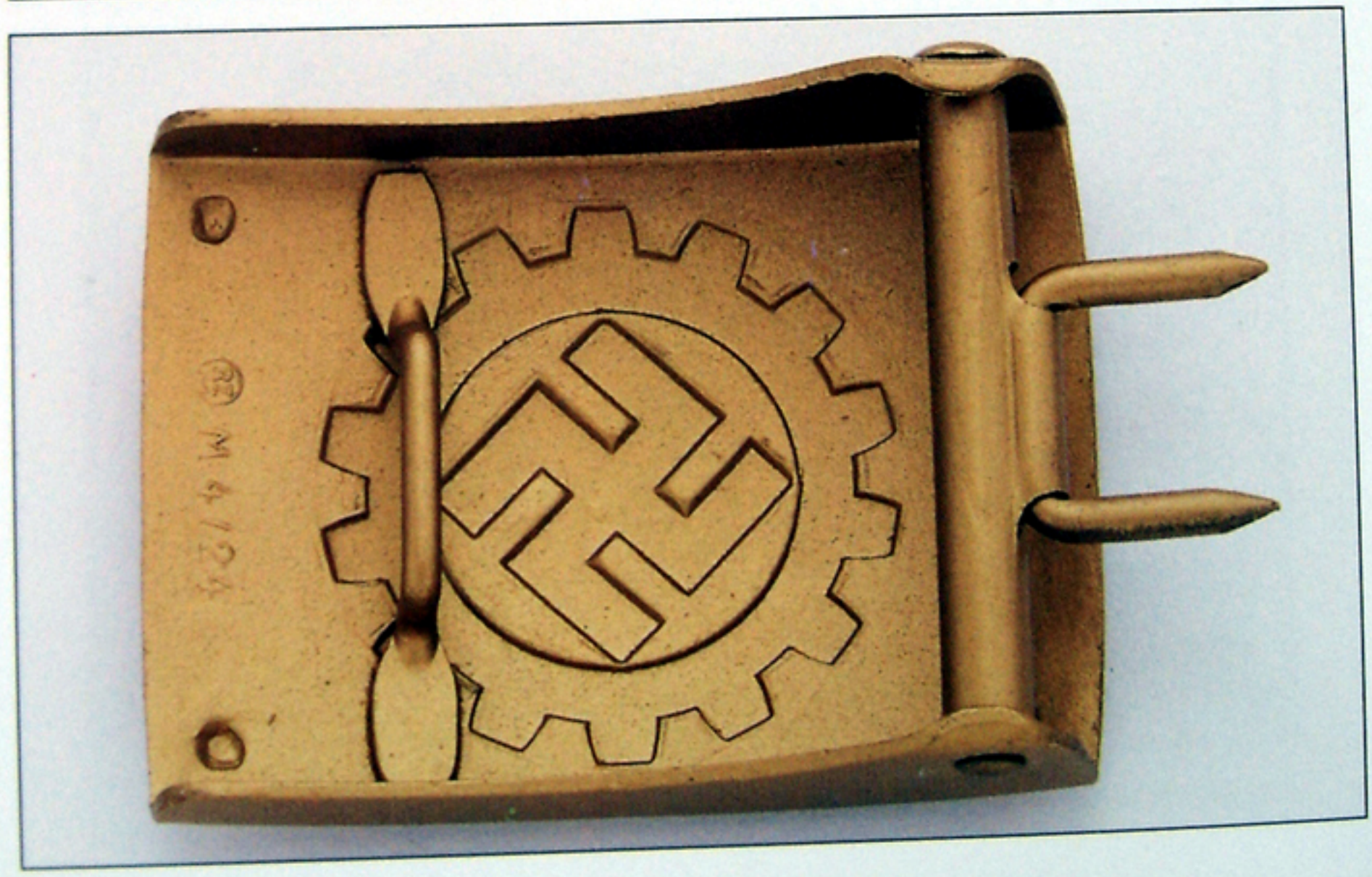




DAF ENLISTED GOLD, 1938, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Aluminum buckle, painted gold with 4 rivet markings, one on each corner, plain field with DAF Cogwheel and Swastika in center. This buckle has the standard catch and RZM marked. Worn by the Werktruppen of the DAF. Some photos show a round officer's buckle believed to have been worn on a ceremonial belt. See Author's Request.

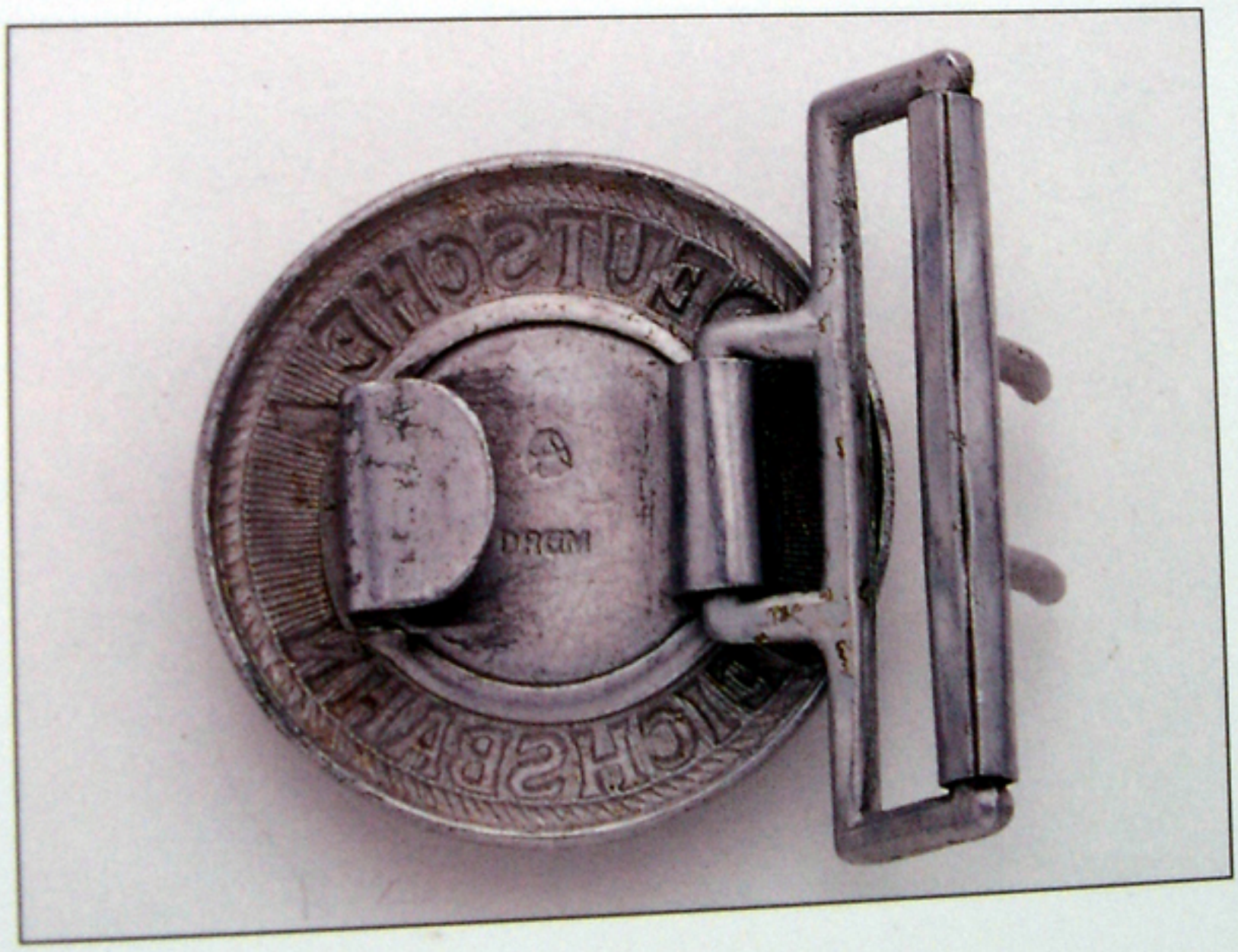
Price: $250.00
Mint condition buckle.





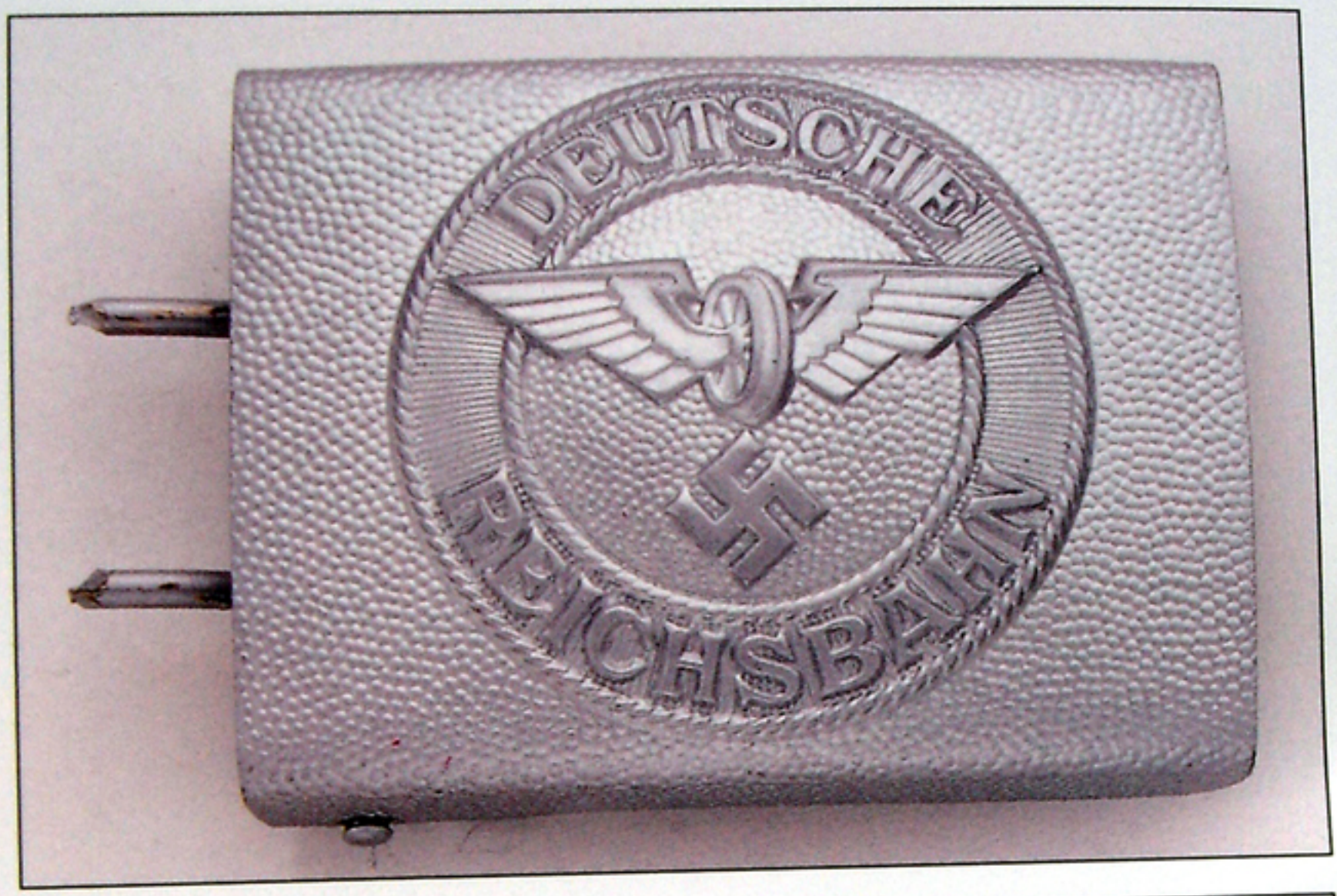
RAILWAY POLICE OFFICER BUCKLE, 1939, 2 1/8" x 2 1/8"
Aluminum buckle with winged railway wheel above Swastika on pebbled field, hallmarked with company logo and DRGM which means patented.

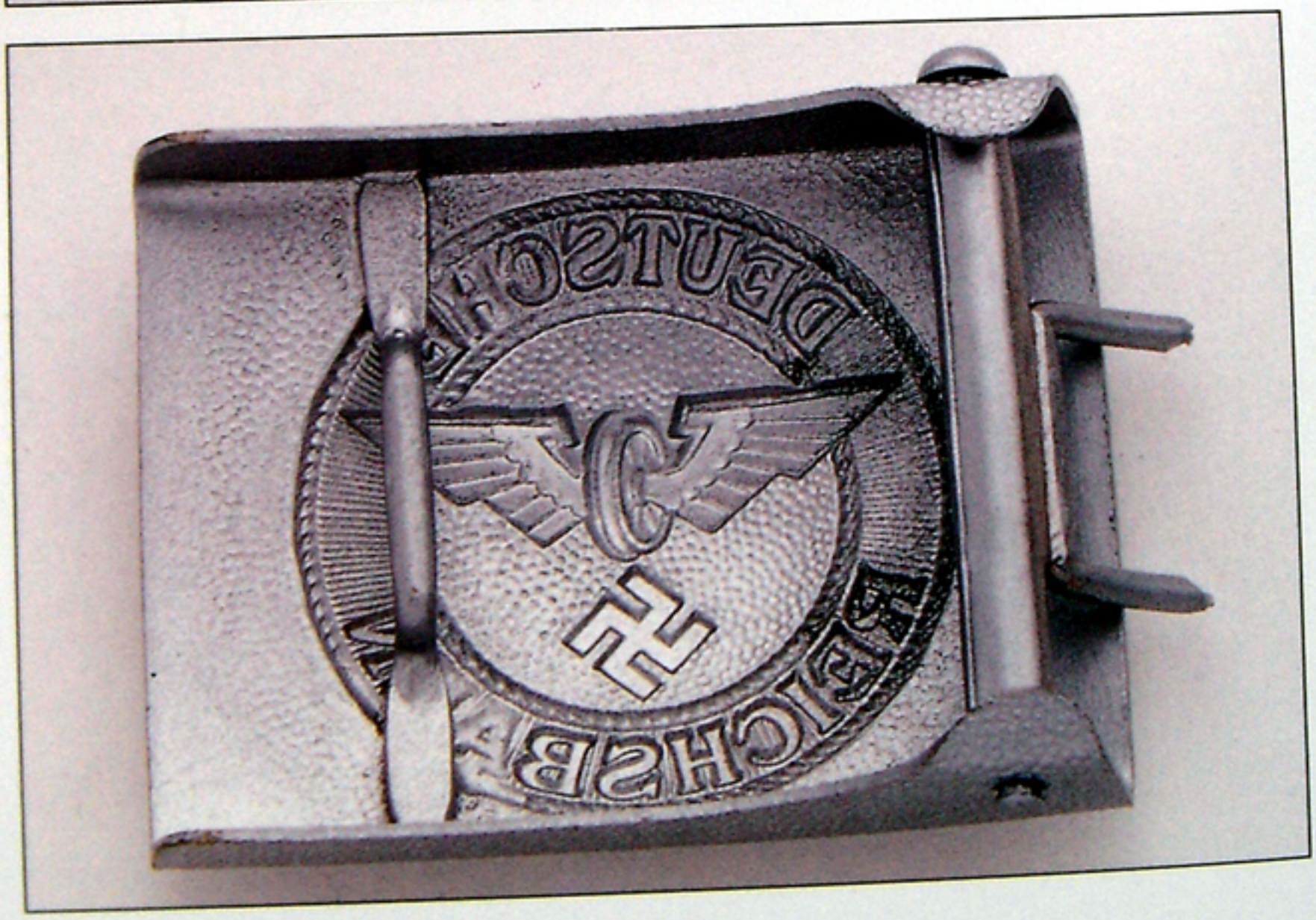
Price: $650.00
Rare early model



RAILWAY POLICE ENLISTED, 1935, 2 7/16" x 1 13/16"
Nickel sliver painted buckle on pebbled field, winged railway wheel above Swastika. Unmarked, buckles come both marked and unmarked and are made of aluminum or steel.

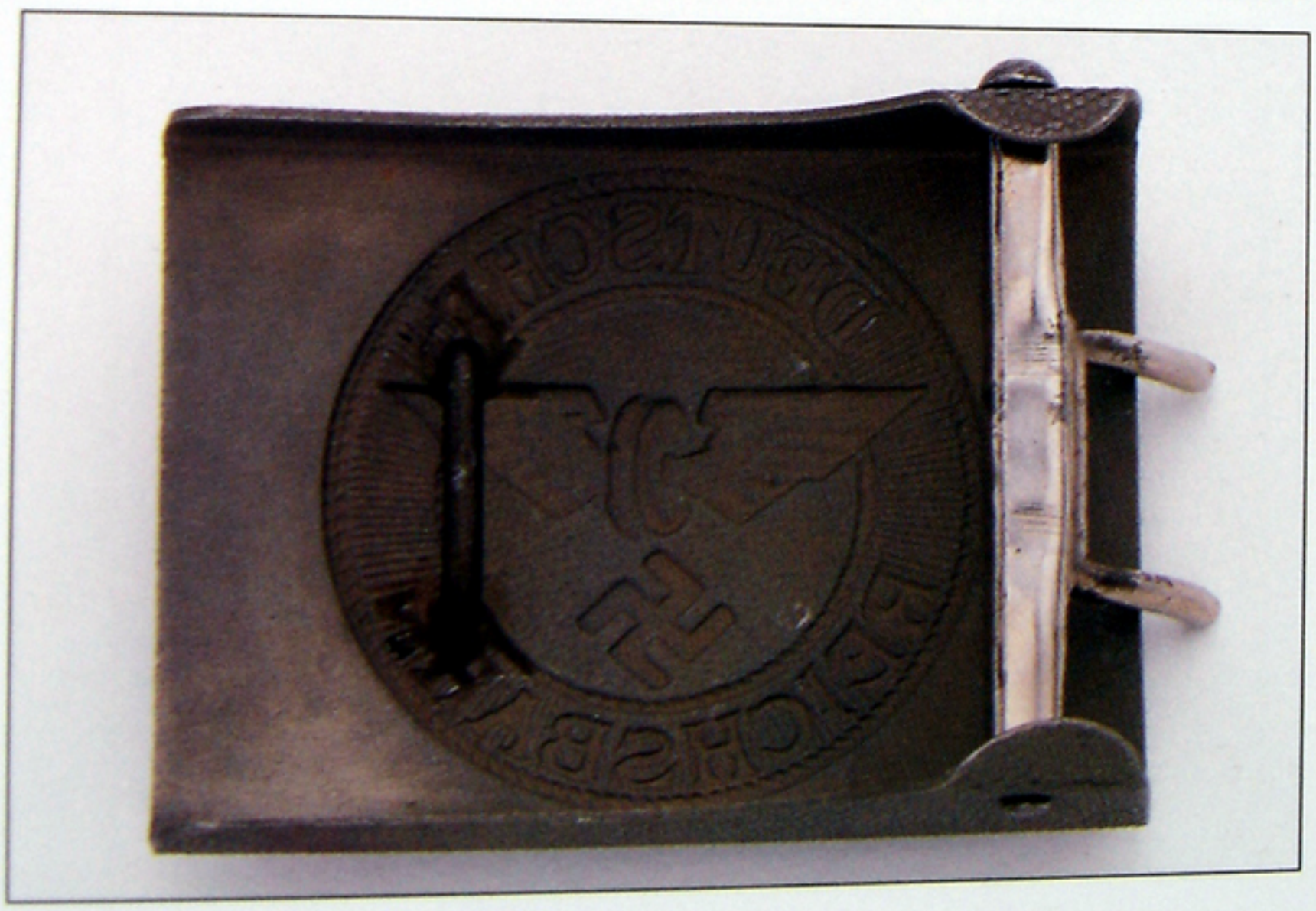
Price: $400.00
Mint condition nickel silver buckle.





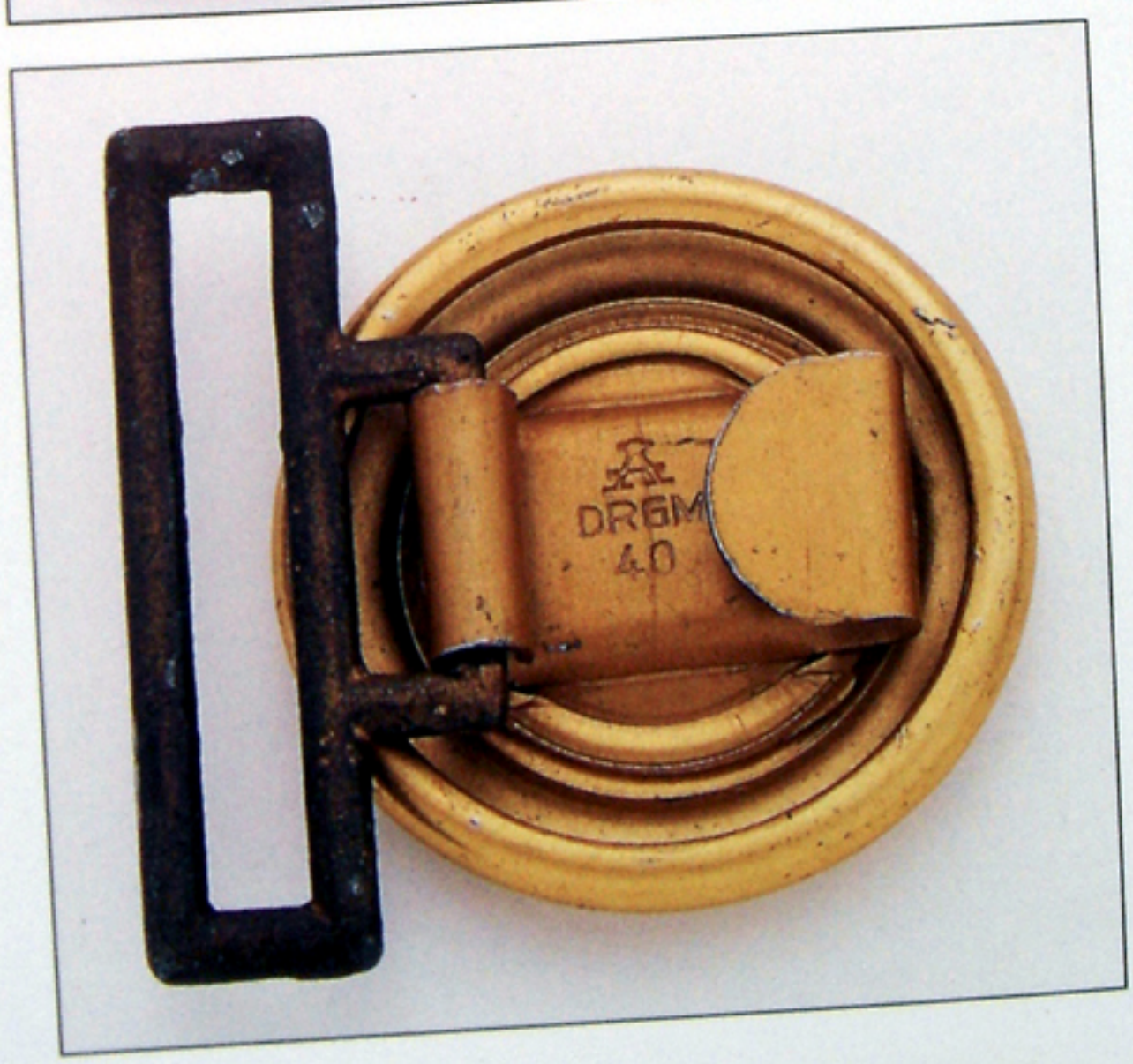
RAILWAY POLICE ENLISTED, 1935, 2 7/16" x 1 13/16"
Nickel gray green painted buckle on pebbled field, winged railway wheel above Swastika, unmarked.

Price: $350.00
Hard to find gray green buckles.



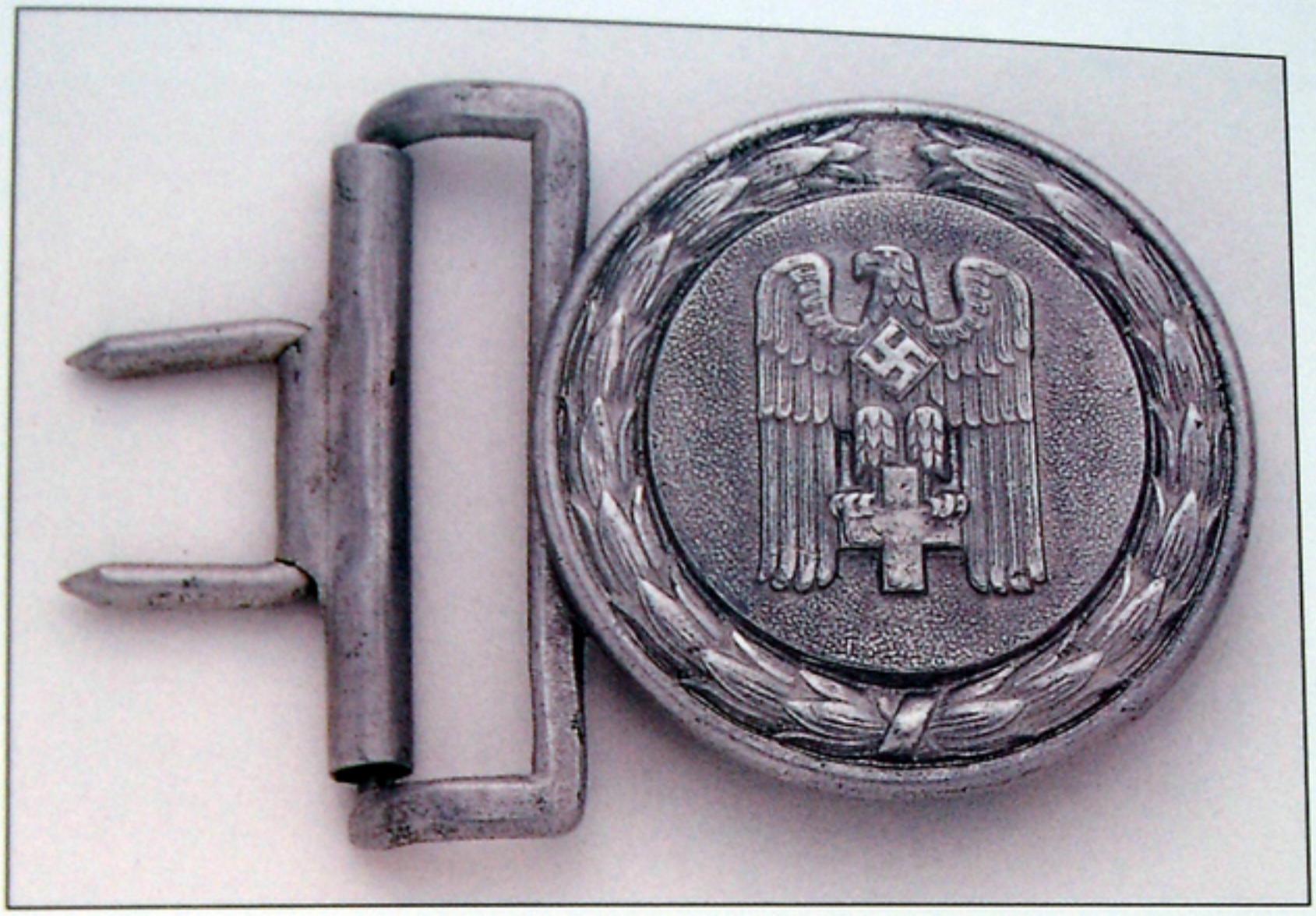
RAILWAY OFFICIAL, 1940, 1 7/8" x 1 7/8"
Aluminum buckle, bright gold wash, hallmarked with oak laurel wreath boarder, Swastika above winged wheel, company logo with DRGM 40. This buckle also can be found made of heavy metal and gold plated.

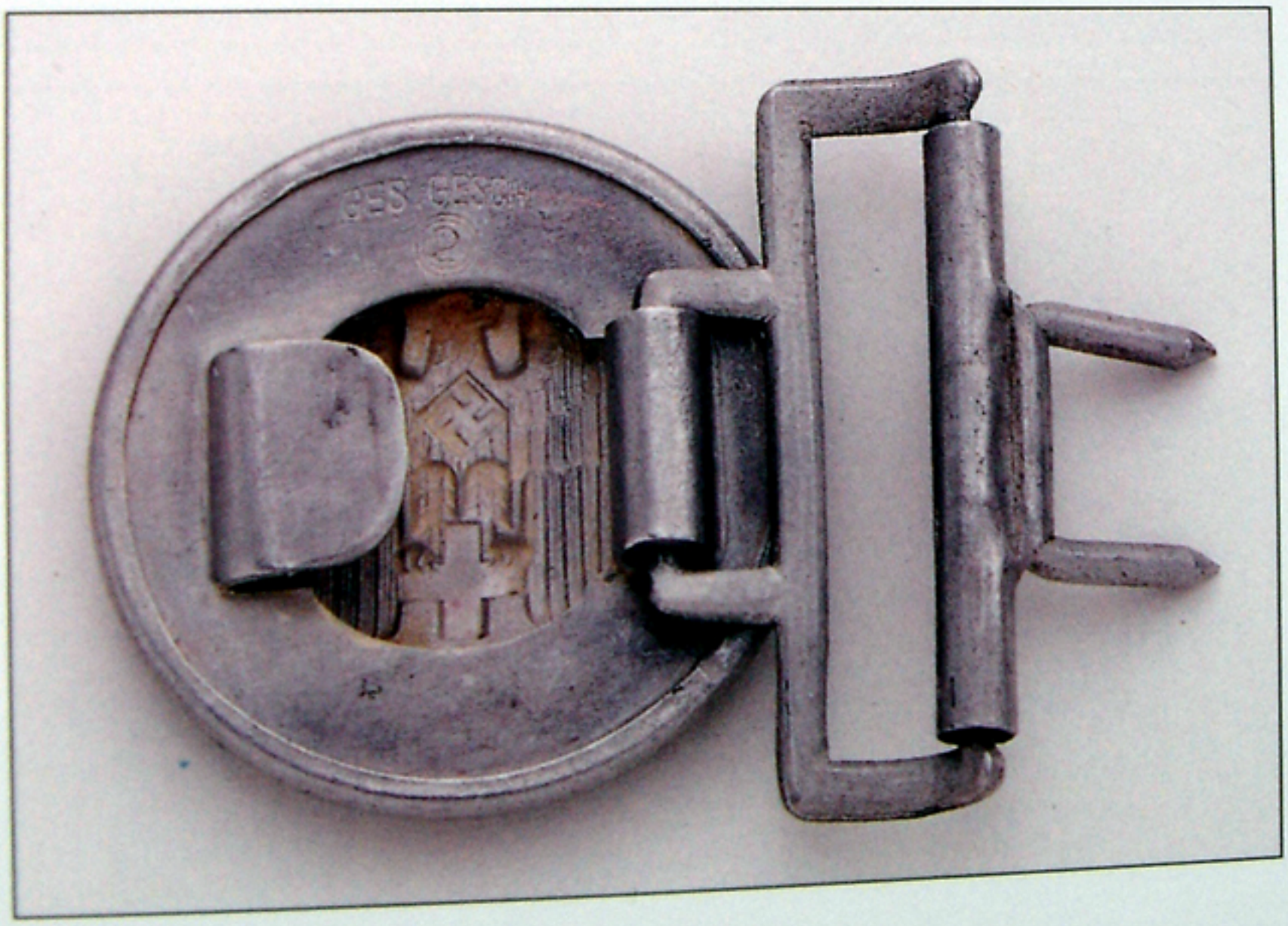
Price: $150.00



RED CROSS OFFICER, 1938, 2" x 2"
Aluminum buckle with Red Cross logo held by Eagle with Swastika on chest mounted on a plain field surrounded by a laurel leaf wreath. This buckle marked 2 in a circle and GES GESCH. There is a gold officer buckle. See Author's Request.

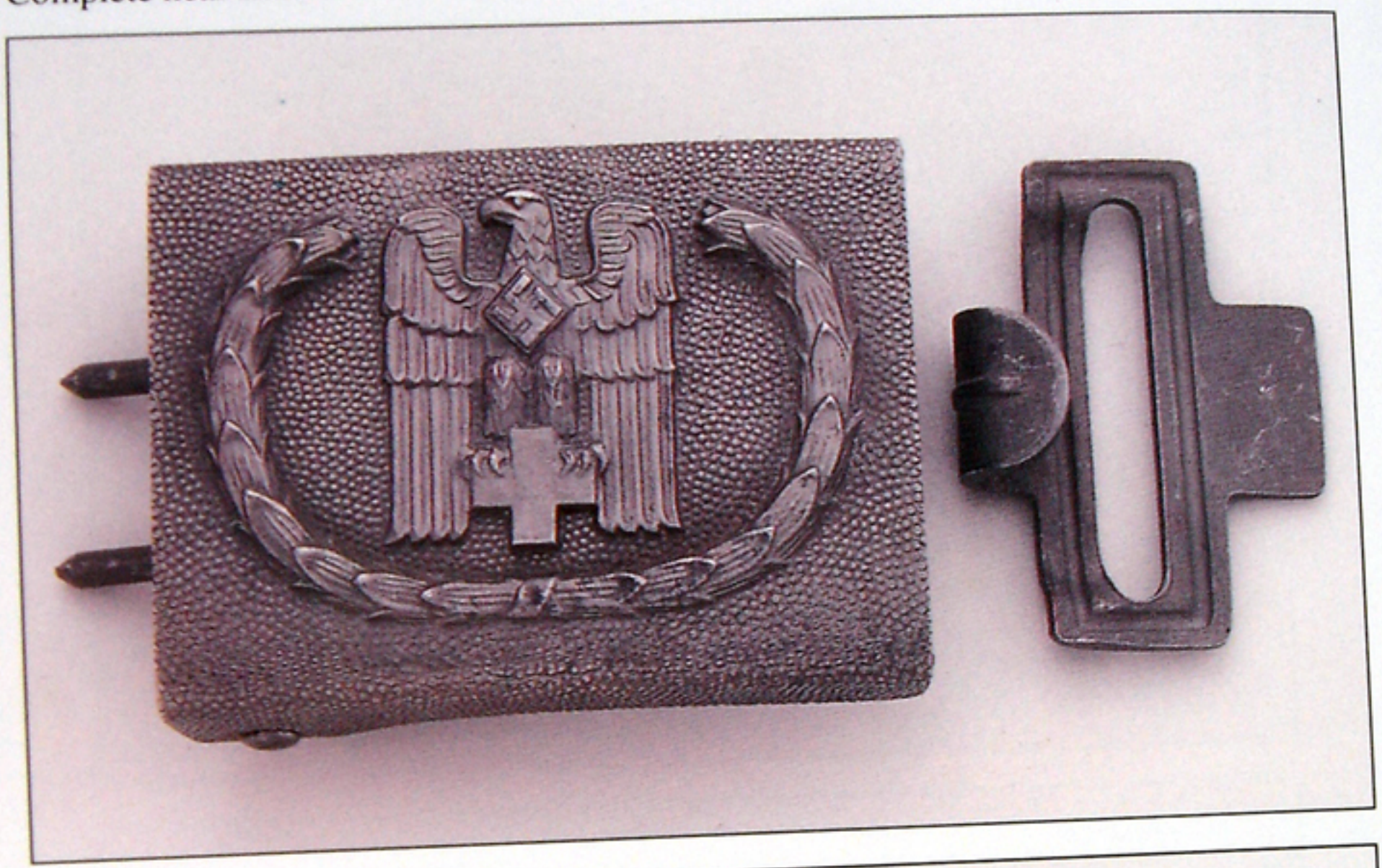
Price: $450.00

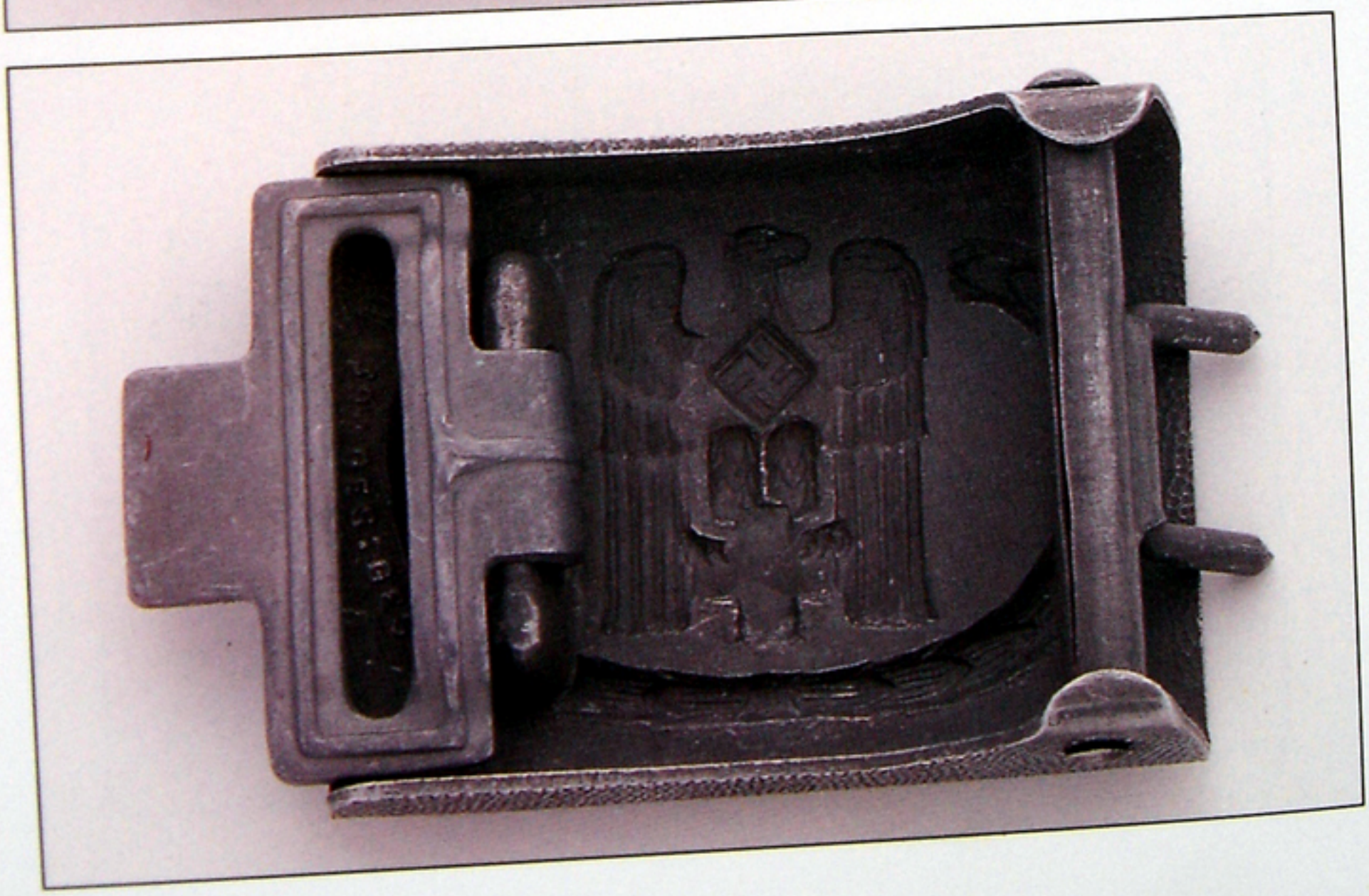




RED CROSS ENLISTED, TYPE 2, 1938, 2 1/2" x 1 7/8"
Aluminum gray finished buckle with Eagle having a raised Swastika on its chest clutching the Red cross. Pebbled background with laurel leaf wreath 3/4 around the Eagle. Buckle company logo marked with 39 and GES GESCH. Include with this buckle is the hook mechanism from the belt.

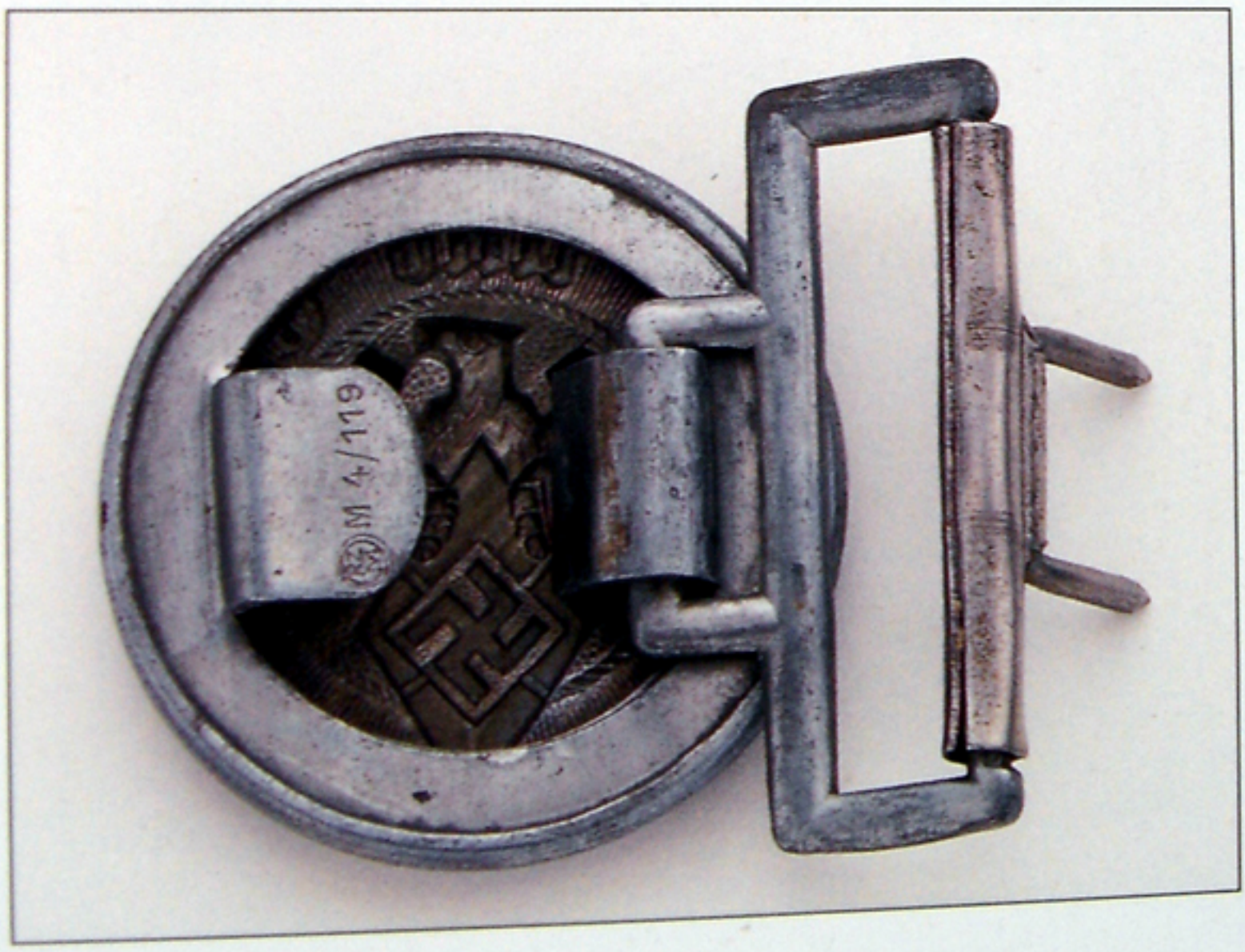
Price: $250.00
Complete near mint set.





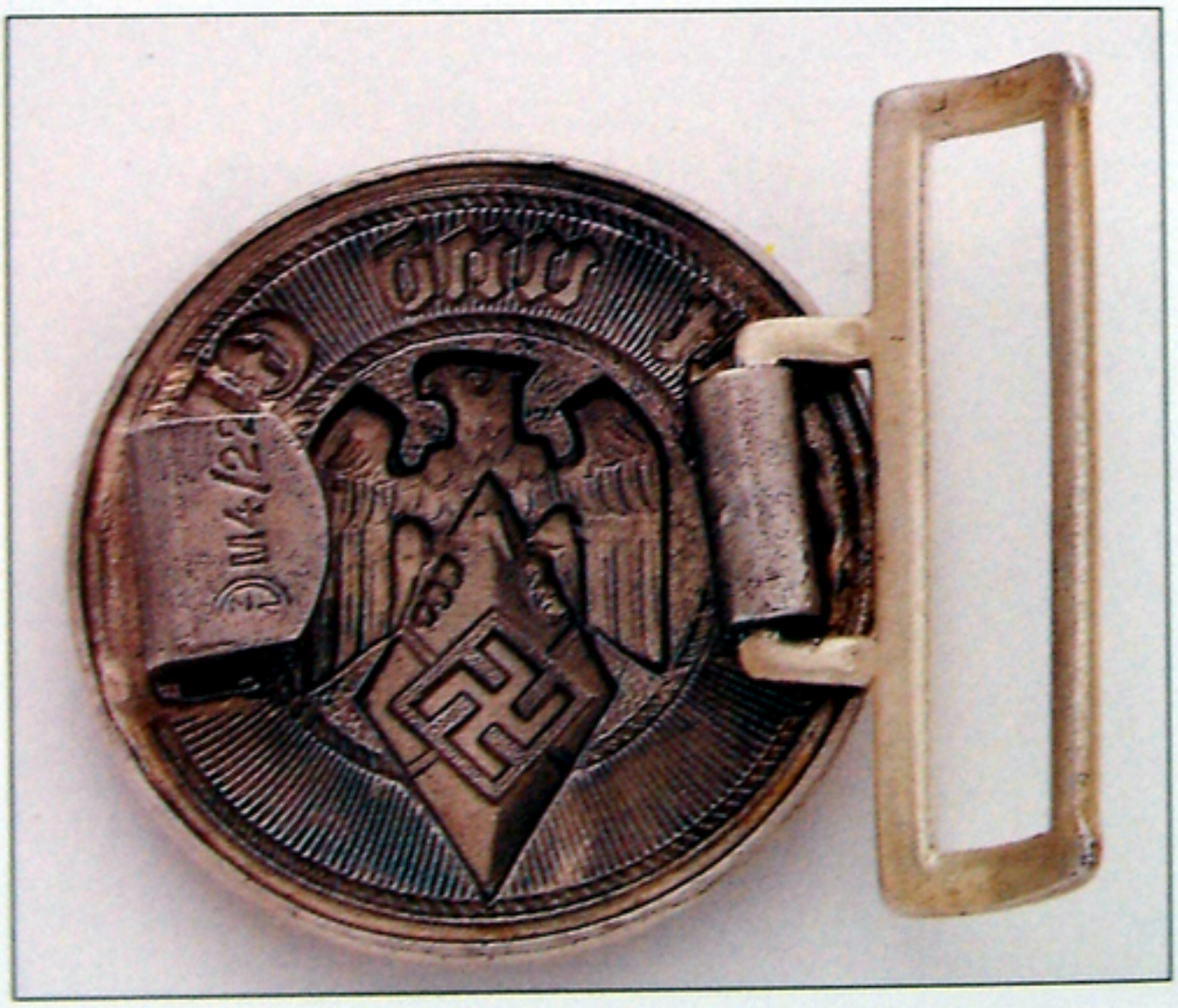
HJ LEADER NICKEL ALLOY, 1938, 2" x 2"
Polished nickel alloy with motto on top "Blood and Earth". Hitler Youth Eagle clutching a diamond with rotated Swastika in center. This example marked RZM proof mark M4/119. All leader buckles must have RZM proof mark and M4 number.

Price: $550.00



HJ LEADER SILVER, 1938, 2" x 2"
Heavy metal with polished silver highlights. RZM marked M4/22, worn with dress belt

Price: $700.00



HJ GOLD HIGH LEADER BUCKLE, 1938, 2" x 2"
Heavy metal with gold gilting and polished highlights.

Price: $ 1,000.00

HJ STANDARD STEEL, 1936, 2 7/16" x 1 7/8"
Silver gray painted steel with the HJ Eagle clutching the HJ diamond with Swastika in center. Motto above "Blut und Ehre" means Blood and Honor. Buckles were made of aluminum, silver painted steel and nickel. This buckle is unissued because the RZM tag is still attached.

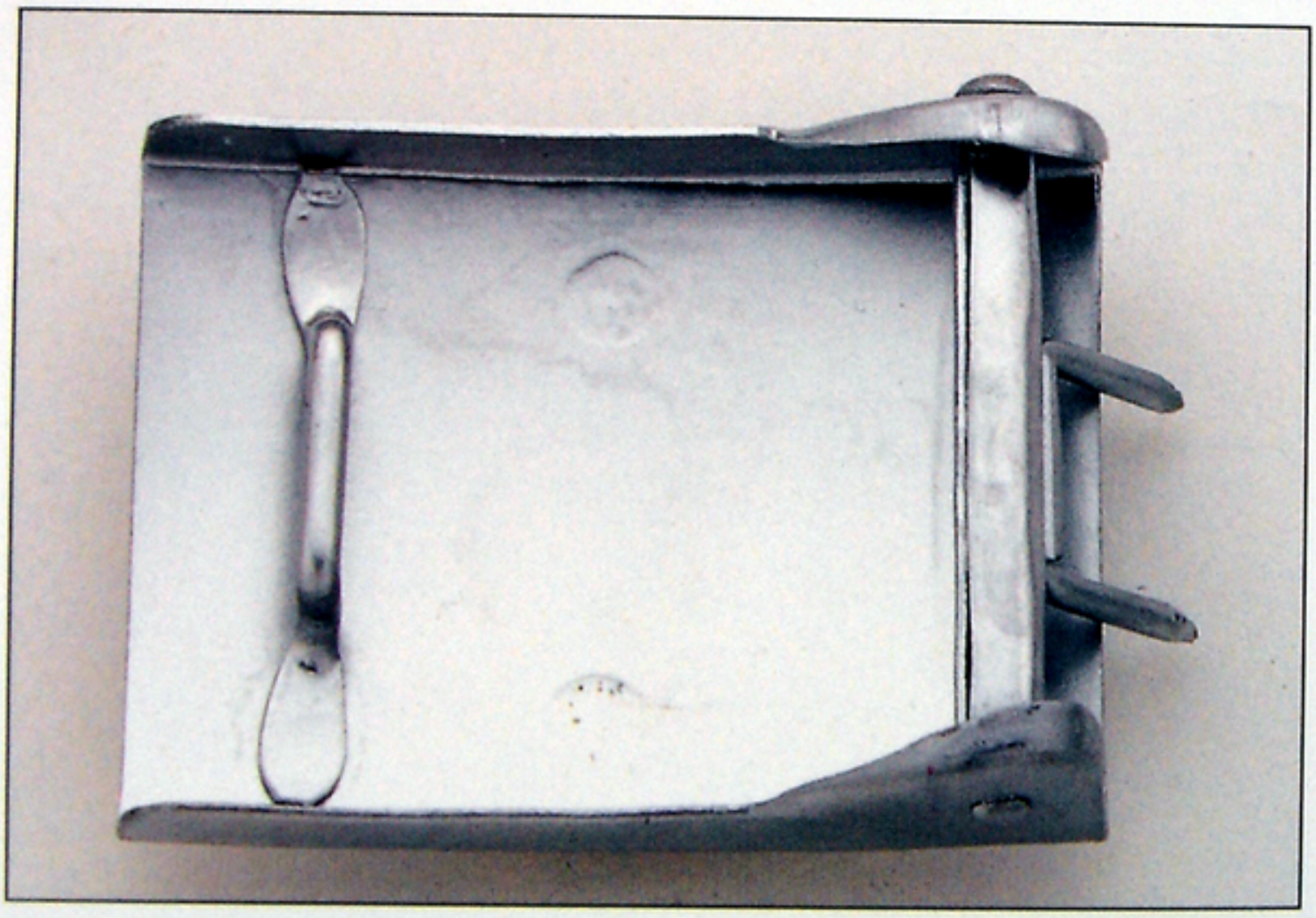
Price: $150.00
Mint example with tag attached.

HJ STANDARD NICKEL, 1936, 2 7/16" x 1 7/8"
Bright nickel finish with the symbolic HJ Eagle clutching the HJ diamond with Swastika in center. The buckle is RZM proof marked with company logo and GES GESCH.

Price: $125.00
Mint example

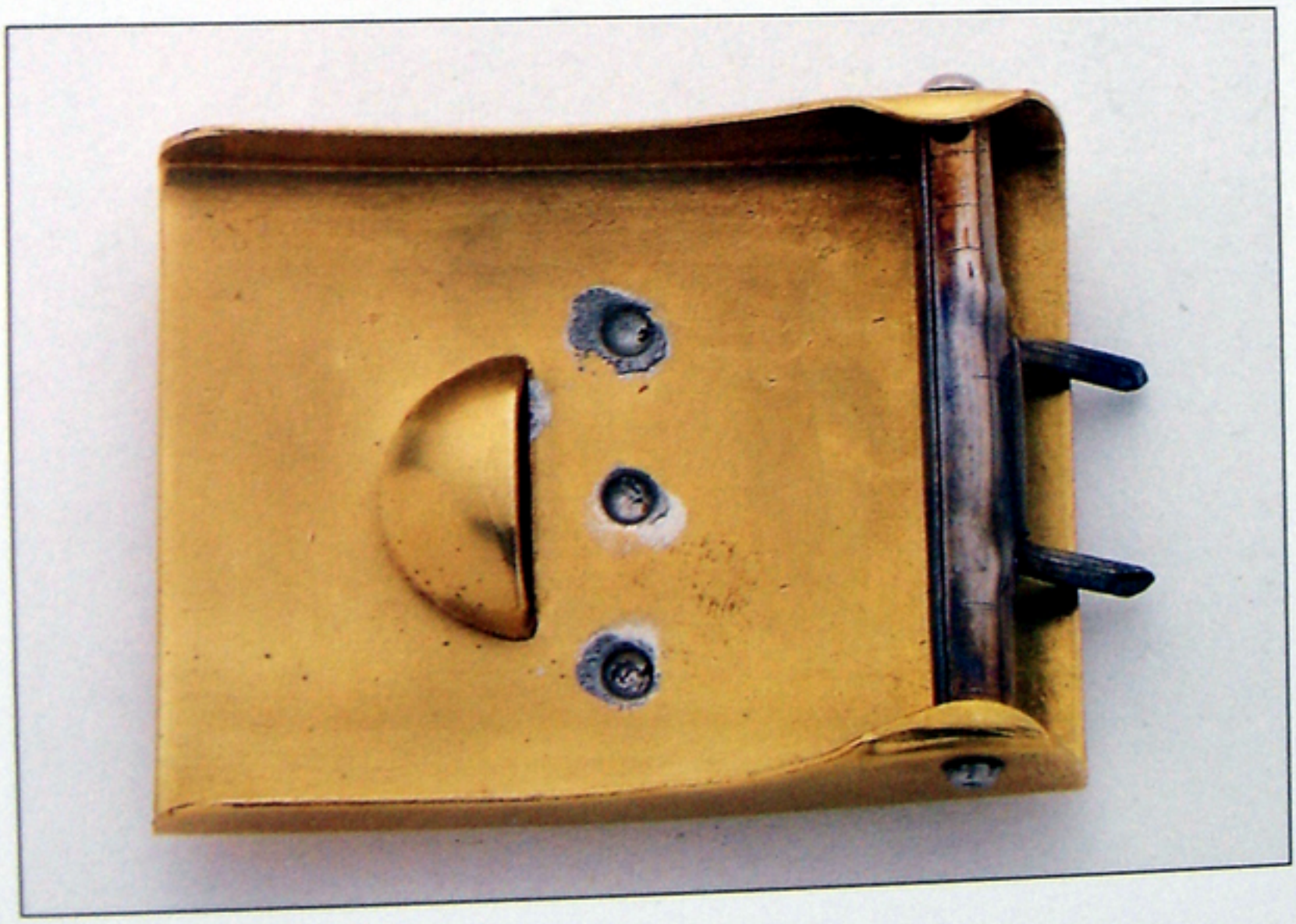
NSBO VARIANT, 1933, 2 3/8" x 1 7/8"
Silver gray painted buckle with silvered faceplate, unmarked.

Price: $150.00



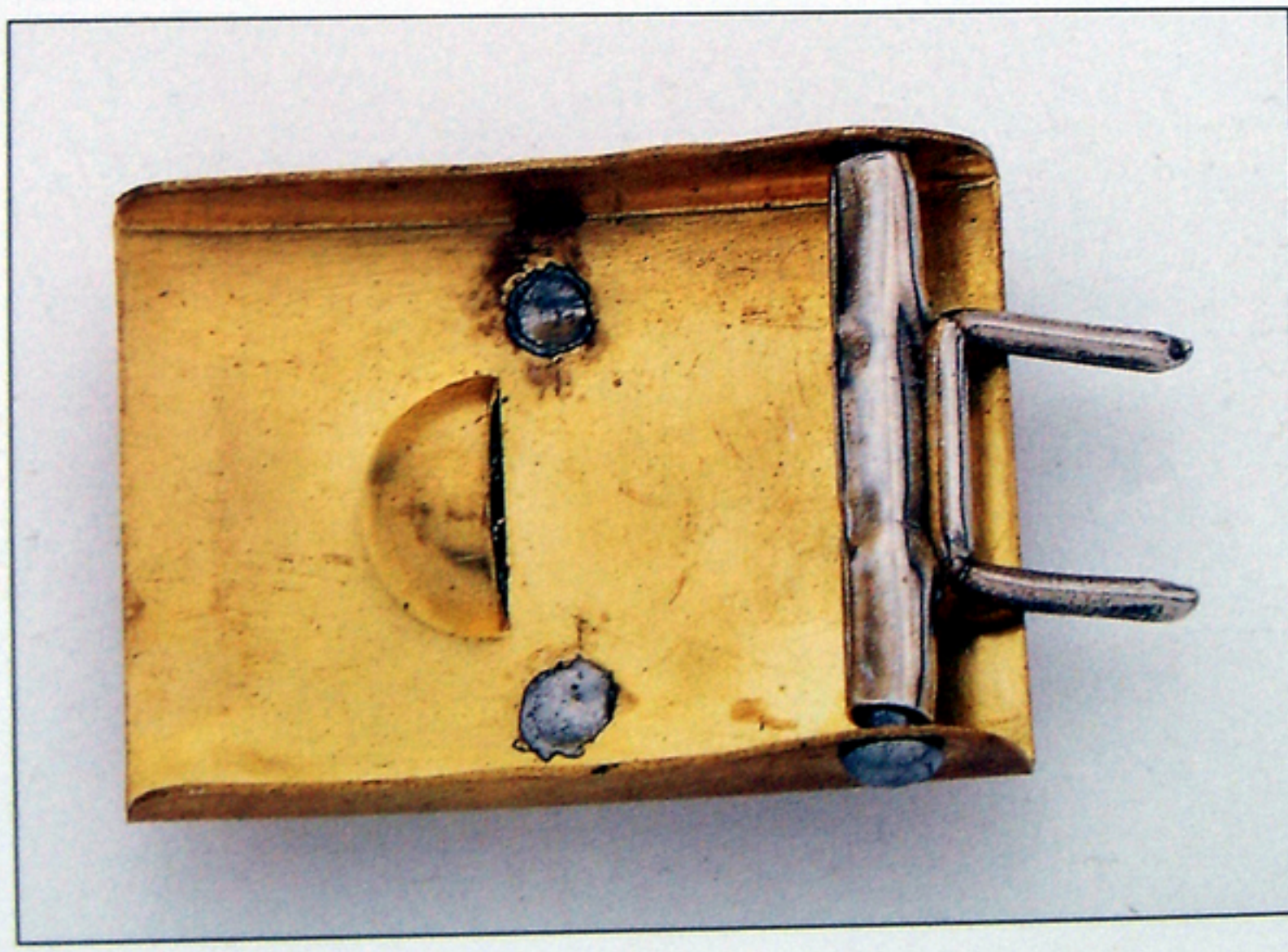
FAD BUCKLE, 1932, 2 7/16" x 1 7/8"
Brass buckle with faceplate attached at 3 points. Faceplate shows the symbol of the FAD Organization with work symbolized by a pick and a spade. The book represents learning and the wheat heads represent farming. The Eagle is the national emblem and this is one of two buckles that have the Swastika. There are six other styles of FAD Buckles without the Swastika.

Price: $375.00



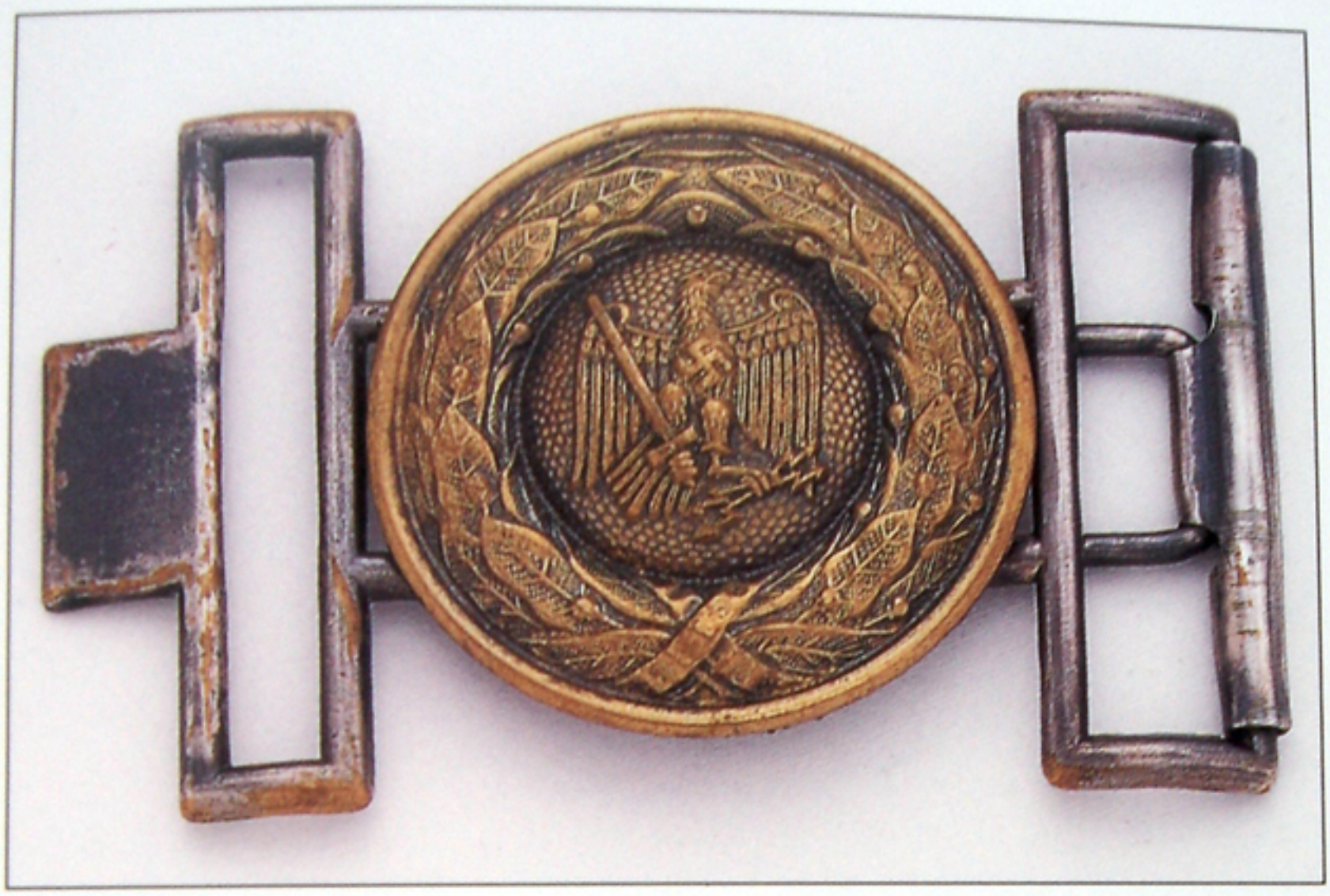
YOUTH BUCKLE, 1929-1936, 2" x 1 1/2"
Brass buckle with silver wash face plate. Variations in design of Eagle and Swastika exist.

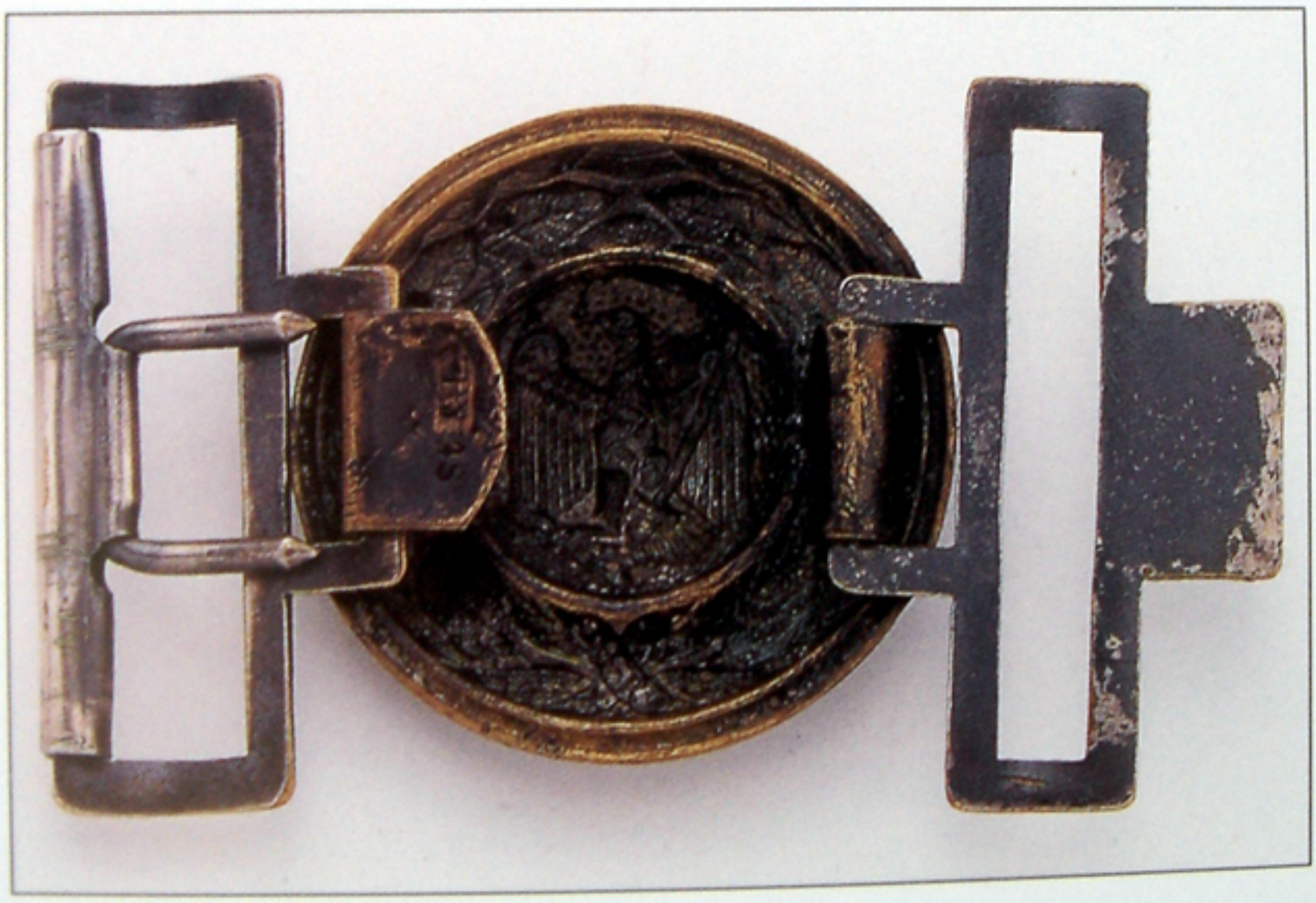
Price: $30.00



PRUSSIA STATE FORESTRY OFFICER, 1933-1938, 4" x 5"
Rounded burnished brass buckle with Prussian Eagle with Swastika on its chest having talons holding a sword and lightning bolts. This one is hallmarked ST & L.

Price: $150.00





If you collect any type of World War II militaria you will sooner or later come across a Nazi buckle. If you are fascinated by the artwork and the quality of construction or you want to know what it is worth, you need this book for your militaria library. This book will help you in many ways: tells you the approximate value of the buckle in today's militaria market; what organization it was used by; when and who made it; detailed photographs help you determine whether the buckle is an original or a reproduction; unlike other belt buckle books measurements are provide in inches rather than in decimals; provides research sources for more detailed study. Prices of Nazi belt buckles have risen dramatically over the past five years due to a limited supply of original buckles. This book opens the door to a fascinating militaria collectible with a most remarkable history. Bob Evans has collected Militaria since he was twelve years old. In 1987 he got bit by the Nazi Belt Buckle bug. What intrigues Bob about Nazi buckles is the fine detail of each symbol and the quality of construction. He felt that there was no price guide available to help collectors determine a fair market value – whether the buckle was sold in Europe, Canada or the United States. He then decided to produce this book. Since 1987 he has talked with many dealers and collectors and has tried to learn as much information as he can regarding this field. Bob lives in California with his wife and he is involved in the field of real estate as a sales manager. His goal is to produce the most comprehensive and photographic book showing all Nazi Belt Buckles having the Swastika. At the present time he is thirty-five buckles short of his goal.

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